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Assembly Minutes
December 1874 to October 1877
Nevis
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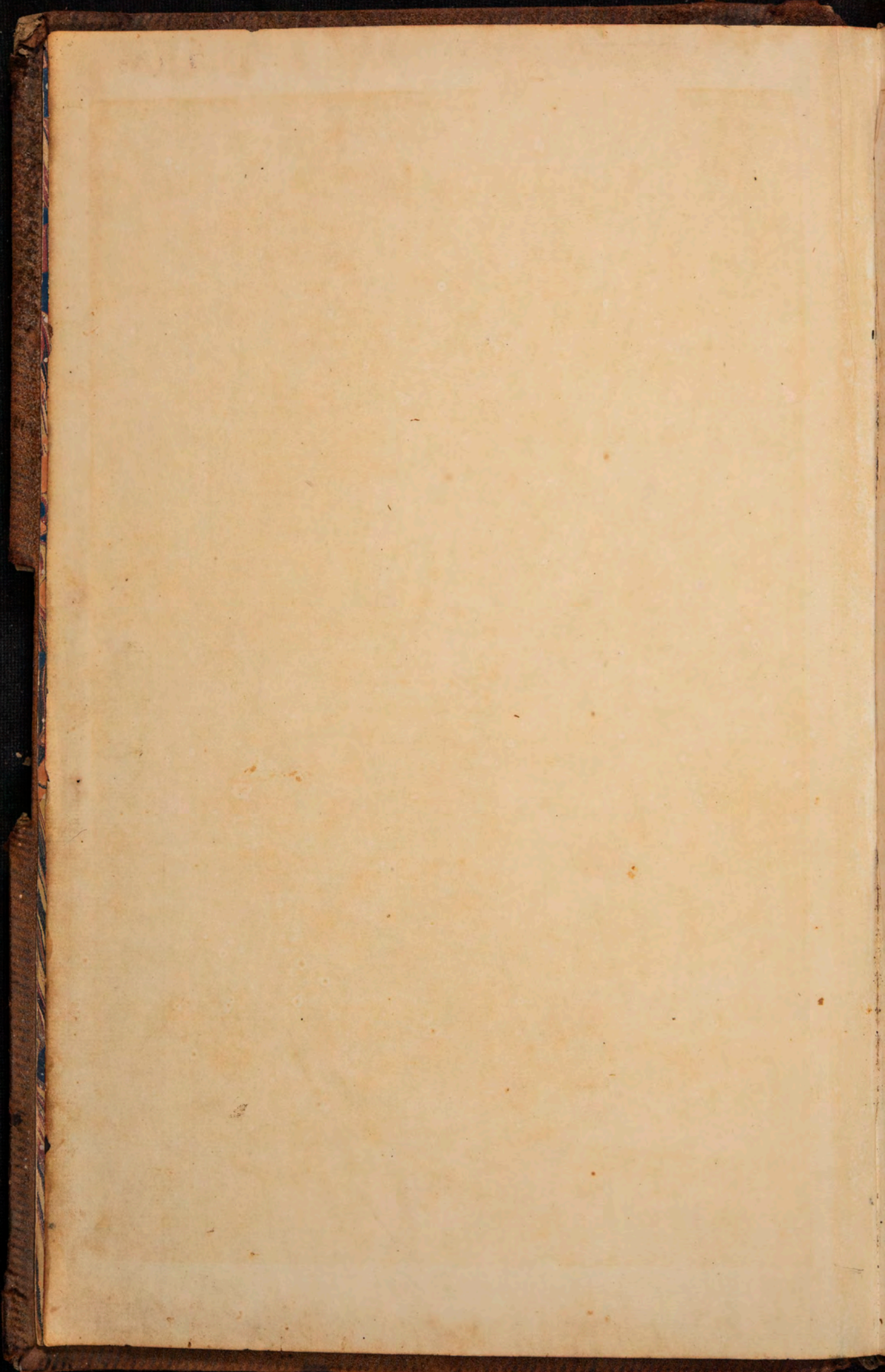
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An Ordinance to enable the General Legislature of the Leeward Islands to pass such laws in respect of this Presidency as may be necessary to effect a union of the said Presidency with that of Saint Christopher.

WHEREAS by the Leeward Islands Act 1871 it is enacted that the Colony of the Leeward Islands shall consist of Six Presidencies and that the General Legislature by this said Act established should have power to legislate on such subjects in respect of each Presidency as the Island Legislature thereof should declare to be within the competency of the said General Legislature.

And whereas it is expedient that the Presidency of Nevis should be united with the Presidency of St. Christopher under one Executive government and with one Legislature and that the said General Legislature should be authorized and empowered to pass such laws in respect of this Presidency as may be required to effect such a "union"

Be it ordained by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Presidency of Nevis as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the General Legislature to abrogate the existing Constitution of the Presidency of Nevis.

It shall be lawful for the said General Legislature to pass such law or laws in respect of this Presidency as may be necessary to effect a union of this Presidency with that of Saint Christopher.

The Act of Union to be passed by the said General Council shall provide for the establishment of a Legislative body for the united Presidencies in which the Island of Nevis shall be represented by at least Six members three of whom shall be unofficial and resident in this Island.

Note:- For previous proceedings see another
Book (Small, bound in black cloth) labelled
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September 1873 to October 1874"

Charles Foster
Clerk by Command

Assembly Room

Thursday
December 10th 1844

On the tenth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy four (being the opening of the fifth Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Presidency of Nevis in the colony of the Leeward Islands,) Charles Foster, the duly appointed and sworn Clerk of the said Legislative Assembly, attended at his proper place in the Assembly Room, in Charlestown, and the following Members were present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis.	President.
The Honble H A Sauper, Atty. Genl.	Ex officio
Sir Thos: Graham Buggs, Bart.	Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esquire	"
Peter Thos Buggins Esqre M.P.	"
Thos: E Archbald Esquire	Elected for St Paul
Geo: W Daniell Esquire	" " St James
Edwd: Maynard Esquire	" " St George
Thomas Liburd Esquire	" " St John

His Honor The President administered the Oath of Allegiance and the Qualification oath to the Members, who respectively took the same

His Excellency Edwin D Baynes Esquire Administrator of The Government, accompanied by his Private Secretary, entered the Assembly Room, and having taken his place, was pleased to deliver the following Address
(Appendix A)

The foregoing Address having been concluded, His Excellency withdrew from the Assembly Room

The President informed the Assembly that he had received a Commission from the Administrator appointing him to act as President of the Assembly.

The Commission was then read by the Clerk.

Sir J Graham Briggs moved, and was seconded, that the President do appoint a Committee to reply to the Administrator's Address: Whereupon the President named the following Members to compose the Committee

- The Honble The Attorney General
- Sir J Graham Briggs, Bart.
- Geo. W Daniell Esquire
- Thos. Lubard Esquire

(Edward John Huggins Esquire the Elected Member for Saint Thomas, having arrived at the Assembly, was sworn to the necessary oaths, and took his seat)

The President submitted certain Rules, and moved, duly seconded, that they be adopted as "The Standing Rules for the guidance of the Legislative Assembly"

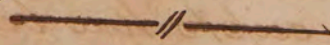
The Rules were then duly considered, and were adopted, being as follows

(Appendix B)

Mr Archbald having obtained leave, presented the following Petition; which having been read, was ordered to lie on the Table

(Appendix C)

On motion duly made, and seconded, the House adjourned to the 17th instant



(Appendix A)

Gentlemen of The Honourable Legislative Assembly

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I gladly avail myself of the privilege afforded me of inaugurating in person the first session of the present House, and of inviting your assistance and co-operation in carrying out such measures as may be necessary for the good government of the Presidency.

The most important subject to which I desire to call your attention on this occasion, is that of your finances, which are in a far from satisfactory condition.

The present embarrassment appears to be due to several causes, but chiefly, from the expense attending the importation in the present year of a party of Coolie immigrants having been considerably in excess of the estimated cost of their introduction.

The severe drought to which Nevis, in common with the other Presidencies of the Colony, has been subjected, has also injuriously affected your finances. But it will be seen, from the Returns which will be laid before you, that the ordinary expenditure of Nevis has, for several years past, been in excess of the ordinary revenue, and that this has arisen, partly from a falling off of the revenue, and partly from an increase of the expenditure.

The most serious diminution in the receipts has been under the head of Customs, in which item there has been a steady decrease since 1870. In that year the sum collected was £7,283. In 1873 it had dwindled to £5,111, and the receipts up to November

50th in this year have been only ~~£1300~~
£5500

The increase in your expenditures since 1845 has been occasioned

First, - By your having to provide from local funds for the salary of your President

Secondly: - By your having, not only in view of the importation of Coolie Immigrants, but also ~~from~~ for the protection of your native population, made adequate provision for the medical attendance of the general population

Thirdly: - By the cost of the importation of Immigrants

Fourthly: - By the reorganization of your Police, which passed events shewed to be indispensably necessary, and which, I trust, has had the effect of improving the usefulness and efficiency of the Force

The Returns will further show that the revenue of the current year will fall short of the expenditure by about £1300

I shall cause the Estimates for 1845 to be submitted to you without delay. These will shew that the present sources of revenue are not sufficient to meet the cost of Government

I have every confidence that your honourable House will agree with me that no time should be lost in placing the finances the Presidency in a satisfactory position, by making provision for meeting the deficit of 1844, and for the due maintenance of the Public credit

I fear that there is no alternative, but to resort, at least until your difficulties are overcome, to some additional taxation, with the object of restoring the equilibrium between your revenue and expenditure. The Import duties of News are lower than those of any other Presidency of the Colony, and I would therefore suggest the expediency of increasing the existing rates. The imposition of a Stamp duty would also tend to augment the revenue. It would be easily collected, and would not press unduly on any interest in the community.

In addition to your usual annual expenditure, you will be called upon to make provision during the ensuing year for certain special purposes connected with your ^{Public} Works and Buildings. It is indispensable in the interests of the Public Service, that no time should be lost in providing a suitable Building for the transaction of the Judicial and Legislative business of the Country, in place of the Court House which has recently been destroyed by fire. The Government proposes to submit for your consideration a Scheme for the complete restoration of the former Court House.

In fulfilment of the pledge given to the Anglican Church at the time of its disestablishment, a sum will have to be granted for the purpose of placing in a proper state of repair the sacred edifices belonging to that Church.

The expenditure which will have to be incurred in regard to these services, will be heavy, and in consideration of its

being of so exceptional a character, I am inclined to think that it would be preferable to raise it by a loan repayable in a stated number of years, than to resort to heavy taxation for the purpose within the financial year.

Various Bills of local importance will be submitted to you; - among them, one of paramount importance which was recommended by the late Assembly in its address to Governor Irving, namely, that of authorizing the revision and printing of the laws passed since the date of the last authorized publication of the Statute Book of the Presidency.

I believe that I am justified in congratulating you, and through you, the Country, on the present promising condition of your crops.

The introduction of Coolie labourers among you, although attended at the outset with a heavy public outlay, will, I earnestly hope, produce at no distant date corresponding advantages, by the benefits which must naturally arise to the Presidency from an extended cultivated and a large consequent increase in the staple production.

I have now to inform you that the Queen has been pleased to appoint Mr George Berkeley to be Governor of the Leeward Islands, and that His Excellency is expected to assume the duties of his office in February next.

Gentlemen, in Her Majesty's name I open this session for the transaction of public business.

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Appendix B

STANDING RULES

FOR THE

GUIDANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ADOPTED

DECEMBER 10TH.

1874.

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RULES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE NEVIS LEGISLATURE.

AS soon as a sufficient number of Members to form a House shall have assembled the Chair shall be taken, and the Clerk shall enter into the minutes the names of the Members present at the assembly of the House;—and in case any other Member shall take his seat subsequently, the Clerk shall enter the name of such Member in the proper place in the minutes.

2 After a House is formed, it shall not be adjourned except on the vote of the majority of the Members present.

3 The hour of meeting shall be 12 o'clock noon, unless some other hour shall have been appointed. In the event of a sufficient number of Members not attending within half an hour after the time appointed for their meeting, the House shall stand adjourned to the following Thursday, and from Thursday to Thursday until a quorum shall attend.

4 No Member shall leave the House, or a Committee of the House, but by the consent of the President or the Chairman of the Committee.

5 Before the House proceeds to any other business, the minutes of the last preceding Meeting, as taken by the Clerk, shall be read over by him; and shall consist of a detail of the proceedings.

6 If any Member shall be desirous of making any correction of the minutes, he shall propose such correction immediately after the minutes are read; and such correction shall be forthwith admitted or rejected by the House.

7 After the minutes shall have been read, and the corrections, if any, made, the question shall be forthwith put from the Chair, that the minutes of the preceding meeting be confirmed.

8 If any Member shall be desirous of putting any official question to any other Member, such question shall be in writing, and shall be put next after the confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, and not at any other period unless with the consent of the President and Members.

9 A book shall be kept by the Clerk, to be called "The Order of the Day Book." In such book shall be inserted a notice of all original propositions intended to be submitted to the House, in the order of priority of time at which the same shall be given.

10 All propositions shall come in and be submitted to the House in the order in which the same shall have been inserted in the order of the Day Book unless the House shall by a special vote alter their order.

11 All propositions shall be submitted to the House by way of motion, and every motion shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Clerk to the House. All motions submitted to the House except when the House is in Committee must be seconded.

12 Any Member shall be at liberty to propose an amendment to any proposition, provided that such amendment be not unconnected with the general object of the original proposition, the amendment shall be decided by the House previously to the question on the original proposition.

13 Every Bill shall be read three times previously to its being passed.

14 If the question for the second reading of the Bill shall pass in the affirmative, the Bill shall forthwith be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and shall be read therein clause by clause, and amendments therein proposed and decided on, and, after having thus passed the Committee, the Bill shall stand for a third reading.

15 If the question for the third reading of a Bill shall pass in the affirmative, a motion may immediately be made that the Bill do pass; and if such question be carried the President shall thereupon lay the same before the Governor for his approbation.

16 The House may upon the proposition of any Member, appoint a select Committee to enquire and report respecting any matter before the House, or for any other purpose which may be thought necessary for the information of the House in the proper discharge of its duties. The number of such Committee and the Members of which the same shall consist, shall in all cases be determined by the President,—the first named member to be Chairman—minutes of such Committee shall be kept and its reports signed by the Chairman.

17 The House may upon the motion of any Member, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of any matter which may be referred to such Committee; and of all Committees of the whole House the President or Presiding Member shall be Chairman.

18 In speaking of any proposition under consideration of the House, the following Rules are to be strictly observed. Every Member is to address his observations to the President or the Presiding Member, and he is to speak standing; he is not to be interrupted unless out of order: when he has finished his observations he is to resume his seat, and any other Member wishing to address the House will rise. If two Members rise at the same time, the President or Presiding Member will call on the Member who first catches his eye. Every Member must confine his observations to the subject under consideration. No Member shall impute improper motives to any other member—All personalities are to be avoided—no Member shall speak more than once on any proposition before the House except in Committee. The first speaker on any question may however reply after all the other Members present shall have had opportunity of making their observations, and before the motion is put, any Member of the House deviating from the Rules may immediately be called to order by the President or Presiding Member, or any other Member of the House; and if any dispute arises as to whether the Member is or not in order, that question shall be decided by the President or Presiding Member.

19 Every proposition once submitted to the House shall be disposed of before any other question is entertained, but this rule shall not be construed to extend to the exclusion of motions for amendments or motions for adjournments of the House, which may be made at any time, and which shall be immediately acted upon.

20 When the debate upon a motion shall be concluded, the House shall proceed to vote thereon, and the Clerk shall collect the votes by calling over the names of every Member present. And every Member shall upon his name being called over, give his vote in the distinct terms "For" or "Against the motion"; and having taken the votes, the Clerk shall declare the result, and note the same in the minutes, distinguishing the name and vote of each Member.

21 No communication to the House, except communications made by the Governor shall be received unless addressed in the form of a Petition or Memorial, and must be presented by some Member, who shall be responsible that the same is framed in respectful terms.

22 On the presentation of any Petition or Memorial, the Member presenting the same may without previous notice, move that the same be ordered to lie on the Table.

23 All papers laid before the House shall be deposited with the Clerk, who shall be responsible for the safe keeping thereof, and shall have all such papers ready to be produced before the House, such papers shall be at all times open to the inspection and perusal of any of the Members of the House.

24 That no Bill shall pass through more than one stage at any meeting of the House.

25 That every Bill shall be properly engrossed after it is committed, and before it be read the third time.

26 That no Bill of the same nature be introduced twice in the same Session:—Provided nevertheless that this Rule shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Bill returned by the Executive for reconsideration and amendment.

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(Appendix C)

To His Excellency Edmund Ronald
Baynes Esquire, Administrator
of the Government, and the
Honourable the Legislative
Assembly of the Island of
Harris

The petition of the undersigned
inhabitants of the said Island

Respectfully sheweth

That on the 16th October and 9th
November 1873, your petitioners suffered
severe losses by the destruction and
damage which the fires of those respective
dates entailed on their habitations, goods,
and chattels and business stock

That some of your petitioners have
reconstructed their dwellings by involving
themselves greatly in debt, while others
are utterly unable to undertake the
task of restoration, from the want of
means Capital

That your petitioners have been
credibly informed, that in consequence
of the heavy loss recently sustained by
the Government, through the destruction
of the Court House by fire, and for
other ~~purposes~~ pressing public requirements,
it is contemplated to raise a loan for
those purposes

That in view of the above circum-
stances, (and your petitioners not thinking
it incompatible with the duty of the
Government) while raising a loan to effect
the ~~effect~~ restoration of a Public Building of
the Presidency to take into consideration

the wants of private property who have suffered from a similar calamity, and admit them as participators therein Your petitioners therefore pray His Excellency and your Honorable House, That in considering the contemplated loan for the Public services of the Presidency, you will also graciously take into consideration the losses of your petitioners and their prayer that a larger amount may be borrowed than the wants of the County demand, so that a sufficient margin might be left, of the sum borrowed, to allow of advances being made, on loan, by the ~~the~~ Government, to owners of and persons interested in landed property which sustained injury by the calamitous fires of October and November 1843

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray

Charleston

December 8. 1844

(Ed) Joseph Lagois

John Thompson

Annia L Nicholson

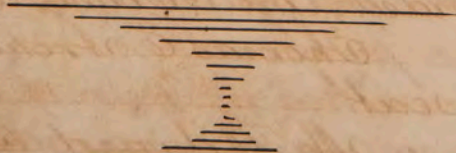
Mary Artherton

Maria Camies

Catherine McCoombe

Paul: S Blake

J. J. Higgins



Assembly Room
Thursday
December 17th 1844

Present
His Honor Thos Jarris President
Sir Thos. Graham Briggs, Bart. Nominated
The Honble R. H. A. Dyett Ex officio
P. J. Huggins Esqre M.P. Nominated
Edward Maynard Esqre Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read

Geo. W. Daniell Esqre took his seat while the Minutes were being read

Thomas Liburd Esqre took his seat

On motion duly made, and seconded, the Minutes were confirmed.

The President informed the House that the Administrator had appointed Mr Dyett to fill the ex officio seat in the Assembly during the absence of the Attorney General, and that Mr Dyett had been duly sworn

The Committee appointed on the 10th instant to prepare a reply to the Administrator's Address, brought up the Reply, which was as follows

(Appendix A)

On motion by Sir J. S. Briggs, and seconded, the House adopted the Reply

Thomas E. Archbald Esquire took his seat

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Daniell

"Considering the present financial difficulties of the Island, this House views

Order
of the day

express with regret the delay in convening its Members which has taken place, and the indifference to the welfare of the Community which has been shown by the Government.

Sir J. Graham Buggs objected to the Resolution.

(Edward John Huggins Esq. took his seat)

After some discussion, Mr Maynard withdrew the Resolution.

The President obtained leave to introduce and read a first time, a Bill to impose an additional duty of twenty five per cent upon the duties now payable on imports into and exports from the Island of Nevis, of goods, wares, and merchandize, and to impose an additional twenty five per cent on the sums now paid for Rum and Liquor Licenses.

The President gave notice of his intention to introduce at the next meeting a Bill to provide for the collection of an Excise Duty on Rum.

Mr Daniell moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended to allow the Additional twenty five per cent Bill to be read a second time.

Mr Archbald objected to the second reading of the Bill.

Whereupon the House divided on the motion, which passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows.

For
The President
Mr Dujett
Sir J. G. Buggs, Bart.
Mr Daniell
Mr Ed. Maynard
Doctor Huggins &

Against
Mr Archbald
Mr E. J. Huggins
Mr Liburd

The Bill was then read a second time by title

On motion by the President, and seconded, the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Bill being under consideration of the Committee, Mr Archbald moved that the words "twenty five per cent" be altered to ten per cent

The Committee divided on the motion, which was lost, Members voting as follows:-

For	Against
Mr Archbald	The President
Mr Ed: Huggins	Mr Dyett
Mr Liburd	Sir J. G. Briggs Bart
	Mr Ed: Maynard
	Mr Daniell
3	Doctor Huggins 6

On motion by Sir J. G. Briggs, and seconded, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment

On further motion by Sir J. G. Briggs, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill read the third time and passed

The President notified his intention of introducing at a subsequent meeting of the House the following Bills

A Land tax Bill

A Stamp Duty Bill

A Boat tax Bill and

A Dog tax Bill

Joseph Maynard Esquire took his seat

The President moved the following Resolution, and was duly seconded

Resolved that the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted for the rental of the Post office for the year ended the 28th August 1844

The Resolution passed unanimously
The President obtained leave to introduce and read a first time a Bill to raise a loan for paying the salaries of the Public Officers and others

The President then moved, being duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended to allow the Bill to have its second reading

The Rules were accordingly suspended, and the Bill read a second time

The President then moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

On motion made, and seconded, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment

On further motion duly made, and seconded, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill read a third time and passed

The House then adjourned to the 2th January 1845, on motion duly made, and seconded.

(Appendix A)

Assembly Room, Nois,
December 14th 1844

To His Excellency Edwin Donald
Baynes, Administrator of the
Government & — & — & —
May it please Your Excellency
We, the President and Members

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of the Legislative Assembly, beg to thank you for your Address. We also thank you for coming to open the session of the present House in person, and we trust we may accept your presence as an omen that this Presidency will, in the future, be more frequently favoured with the presence of the Governor in Chief, than heretofore.

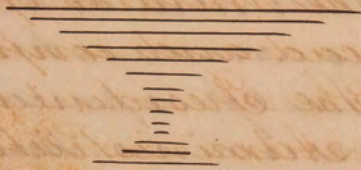
We join with your Excellency in deploring the state of the public finances; and while recognizing the various causes which have led to an increase of expenditure, and decrease of revenue in this Presidency, this House would respectfully submit, (seeing that the Government have the exclusive ~~control~~ charge of the finances) that the present condition of the Public Chest, and the present state of the Public credit could never have been reached, had the Federal Government given that attention to the wants of this Presidency which was evidently required.

Feeling that the interests of the Presidency have been neglected, we cannot but thank your Excellency for taking up this question even in your temporary administration of the Government, and we trust that your Excellency will cause a comprehensive and thorough system of reform in the finances to be laid before us; and we assure your Excellency that we will devote ourselves cordially to the consideration of any plan your Excellency may suggest with this object, or on any other subject for the good of

the Presidency

We have heard with great pleasure
the announcement of the appointment
of Mr Berkeley as Governor of the
Leeward Islands, believing, as we do,
that the high reputation of that
Gentleman will be worthily sustained
and increased during his government
of the Colony

(Sd) Thomas Jarvis
President



Assembly Room
Thursday

January 4th 1845

present

His Honor Jos: Jarvis	President
The Honble R H A Dyett	Ex officio
Jos: Maynard Esquire	Nominated
J J Huggins Esquire M D	do
Geo W Daniell Esquire	Elective

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President informed the House of the Administrator's assent to the "Additional twenty five per cent duty Bill" and the "Loan Bill of December 1844"

On motion duly made, and seconded, The Orders of the day were taken up

Pursuant to notice therein previously given, and on motion made, and seconded, the President introduced and read a first time a "Bill to require persons keeping dogs to obtain a license for the same"

Mr Daniell moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended and the Bill read a second time

The Bill was accordingly read a second time

Mr Daniell then moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill; whereupon the House resolved themselves into a committee of the whole on the Bill

The Bill was read clause by clause in committee, and several amendments having been adopted, was finally committed, and on motion duly made and seconded, the Committee rose, the House resumed and

and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with amendments

(Edward Maynard Esqre, Thomas Liburd Esqre, Edward John Huggins Esqre and Thomas C Archbald Esqre took their seats while the Bill was in Committee)

Pursuant to notice previously given, the President moved, and was seconded by Mr Dyett, that the Bill to impose an Excise Duty on rum be read first time

The Bill was accordingly read

Mr Archbald moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time

Mr Edward ^{Maynard} moved, as an amendment to the motion, that the second reading be postponed.

The House divided on the amendment which was carried, Members voting as follows:

For	Against
The President	Mr. Edward Huggins
Mr. Dyett	Mr. Archbald
Mr. Jos. Maynard	Mr. Liburd
Mr. Edward Maynard	
Mr. Daniell	
Dr. Huggins	
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Mr. Daniell moved, and was seconded, that the Bill be printed and sent to members before it is brought on for second reading

Mr. Edward Huggins obtained a postponement of his motion to present a Memorial to the Secretary of State, notice of which was given at the last meeting

On motion duly made, and seconded, the House adjourned to the next instant

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Assembly Room
February 14th 1845

present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis	President
The Honble R. H. A. Dyett	Ex officio
The Honble Sir J. G. Buggs, Bart.	Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esqre	do
Edward J. Huggins Esqre	Elective
George W. Daniell Esqre	do
Thomas Liburd Esqre	do
Thos E Archbald Esqre	do

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President laid the Treasurer's Account of the Revenue & Expenditure for December quarter 1844 on the Table.

(Peter J Huggins Esquire took his seat)

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the Act No. 14 of 1841 entitled "An Act to establish a Savings Bank", which Bill, being ready, was, on motion duly made, and seconded, read a first time.

Sir Graham Buggs moved, and was seconded, that the Standing Rules be suspended and the Bill be read a second time

Bill read

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into committee on the Bill.

Whereupon the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Bill having passed the Committee, Mr Jos. Maynard moved, and was seconded, that

* The President informed the House that he had received a Minute from the Administrator with instructions to read same to Members, which having been read, was as follows: - Appendix A

that the Committee do rise, the House resume, and the President report progress, Whereupon the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment,

On further motion by Mr Joseph Maynard, and seconded, the Rules were further suspended and the Bill read the third time and passed

Pursuant to notice previously given, the President introduced and read a first time, a "Bill to impose an Excise duty on rum a tax upon Land" (Edwd: Maynard Esqre took his seat)

Mr Jos: Maynard moved and was seconded, that Copies of the said Land Tax Bill be sent to Members three days before next meeting

Motion agreed to

Pursuant to notice previously given, the President introduced and read a first time A Bill to impose an Excise duty on Rum

Mr Archld moved, and was seconded by Mr Jos: Maynard, that Copy of the petition presented by him to this House on the 10th December 1844, and recorded in the Minutes under that date, be forwarded to His Excellency The Administrator by the President

Pursuant to notice given on the 15th December last, Mr Huggins laid a document on the Table purporting to be a Memorial addressed to The Secretary of State by three of the Elective Members of the House, and moved, duly seconded, that the same be entertained by the House and forwarded to His Lordship by the President

Mr Graham Briggs objected to the entertainment of the Memorial by the House as it was addressed to the Secretary of State and

not to the Assembly

After some discussion, Mr Huggins withdrew the document and his motion

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded, that the Bill "to require persons keeping dogs to obtain a license for the same" be read a third time

Mr Liburd objected to the eighth clause of the Bill, and moved, duly seconded, that it be struck out

Mr Dyett objected to the striking out of the Clause, whereupon the House divided on the motion, which passed in the negative, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Huggins	The President
Mr Liburd	Mr Dyett
Mr Archbald	Sir Graham Briggs
	Mr Edwd Maynard
	Mr Daniell
	Mr Jos: Maynard
	Dr Huggins
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The Bill was then read throughout and passed

The President laid The Estimates for 1845 on the Table, and gave notice of his intention to read them a first time at next meeting

On motion made by Mr Liburd and seconded, the House adjourned to the 11th instant

— Appendix A —

Minute

Referring to the Administrators address to the Legislative Assembly and to their reply thereto, the Administrator has the honor to submit for the consideration of the House, the Estimates of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Presidency for the year

1845

1875, and he avails himself of the occasion to offer a few further observations and suggestions in regard to the finances

1. The amount required to pay the arrears of expenditure of 1874 is £1,410. It is proposed to meet this deficit and to aid the Revenue of 1875 by raising a loan of £2,000, leaving a probable sum available for the present year of £590

2. The amount required for the ordinary service of the year is estimated at £4,948

In addition to that sum, provision will have to be made for the following charges

Interest on proposed loan	£120
First instalment	400
Grant for repair of Churches in accordance with Resolution of the Legislative Assembly	500
Cost of restoration of the Court House	300
	£1,320
	£9,668

3. The total Revenue, including the additional rate of 25% on the present rates of Import duties and the balance of £590 of the loan already referred to, is estimated to realize £8,100, shewing a probable excess of expenditure over revenue of £1,468

4. It is necessary in order to place the finances of Nevis in a creditable and healthy condition that the revenue should be augmented for a limited period to the extent of at least £1,600 per annum, and it appears to the Administrator that the best means of accomplishing this would be to impose a land tax and a tax upon spirituous liquors consumed in the Islands.

The

The proceeds of these new taxes would be sufficient to raise the revenue to an amount equal at least to the expenditure. With this additional taxation the revenue of Nevis would be increased to _____ £ 9.450

viz: Present rates

Customs _____ £ 5850

Excises _____ 455

Fees of Office _____ 350

Fines & Penalties _____ 250

House & Hammage tax _____ 350

Miscellaneous _____ 10

Balance of Loan 590 £ 8.150

New taxes

Excise _____ £ 800

Land tax _____ 800 1600 £ 9.450

leaving a margin of only £ 80 of revenue

The votes for the repair of the Anglican Churches and for the restoration of the Court House are no doubt of an exceptional character, and the Presidency will not certainly be again called upon for a similar expenditure in regard to the first, nor is it to be hoped in regard to the latter. But it is essential that in preparing the Estimates a sufficient sum should be raised in order to meet any unforeseen cause of unexpected expenditure to which these Islands are unfortunately too liable.

Should the increasing prosperity of Nevis cause the amount realized by the new taxes to exceed to any great extent the actual exigencies of the Service, an opportunity would then be afforded to the Government of proposing for the consideration of the Assembly a scheme for the readjustment of the system of taxation, having for its object the reduction of the present taxation on food and

and the necessaries of life
 Ed Edmund Daynes
 Antigua, 2nd January 1845

Assembly Room

February 11th 1845

present

1	His Honor Thomas Davis	President
2	The Honble R. H. A. Dyett,	Treasurer, Ex officio
3	George W. Daniell Esquire	Elective
4	Sir Graham Buggs	Baronet Nominated
5	Thomas Tiburd Esquire	Elective
6	Thomas C. Archbold Esquire	Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed *

The President informed the House that His Excellency George Berkeley Esq. had arrived at Antigua on the 3rd inst, and was sworn as Governor and Commander in Chief of the Leeward Islands

The President having obtained leave, read the following Letter addressed by him to Mr Skirton (Appendix A)

On motion made, and seconded, the Letter was ordered to be forwarded to Mr Skirton

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Daniell

This House views with regret the uncertain and unsatisfactory manner in which the Supreme and Circuit Courts are held

* Edward Maynard Esq. took his seat while the Minutes were being read

held in this Island.

The Resolution was unopposed

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution, and was duly seconded

This House ~~xxxxx~~ begs to call the attention of the Government to the present condition of the Roads

The Resolution was unopposed

On motion made, and seconded, The Orders of the Day were taken up

Mr Graham Briggs moved, and was seconded, that the Bill to impose an Excise duty on Rum be read a second time

(Edward John Huggins Esquire took his seat)

Mr Edward Maynard objected to the second reading of the Bill, and moved the following amendment to the motion

That the Bill do lie on the Table for six months

The House divided on the amendment, which was carried, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Edward Maynard	The President
Mr Daniell	Mr Dyett
Mr Huggins	Mr Graham Briggs
Mr Archbold	
Mr Tiburd 5	3

Mr Edward Maynard moved and was seconded, that the Estimates for 1845 be read a first time by title

Read by title

Mr Edward Maynard moved and was seconded that the Rules be suspended and the Estimates read a second time by title.

Read by title

Mr Edward Maynard then moved and

was

was seconded that the House do go into Committee on the Estimates

Whereupon the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole on the Estimates

After sitting for some time, and on motion made and seconded, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported progress and prayed leave to sit again.

The other items on the Orders of the day were then postponed, on motion duly made, and seconded.

Pursuant to notice previously given, Mr Edward J Huggins asked the President the number of Coolie Immigrants introduced and the cost of the same to this Presidency; also the number of births and deaths since their arrival

In reply to which question the President laid Returns prepared by the Immigration Agent on the Table, shewing that 315 Coolies were landed in April 1844, at the cost of £6041.19.11 and that since their arrival there had been 2 births and 12 deaths

Mr Edward J Huggins, pursuant to notice previously given, enquired of the President whether, in the opinion of the Crown Law Officer, the mixtures called Bay Water and Duke and Shrub, respectively, were liable to any duty or tax under any existing law of this Presidency

The President stated to Mr Huggins, that as the Law Officer's opinion was necessary, he could not reply to the question then

On motion made, and seconded, the House adjourned to the 10th instant

Appendix A

President's Office, Nova

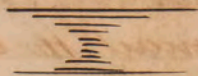
February 10th 1845

Sir

I have the honour to request that you will,
when

when writing to the Directors of the Colonial Bank on the subject of the £2000 Loan for this Presidency, be good enough to ask them in the event of the application being favourable, to telegraph their decision. The expense of the Telegram will be borne by this Presidency

Saul J Hutton Esq I have the honor to be, Sir,
 Manager Col Bank your obedient Servant
 Saint Kitts (Sd) Thomas Jarvis
 President



Assembly Room
 February 10th 1845

present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis	President
The Honble A H A Dyett	Exe officio
George W Daniell Esquire	Elective
Thomas Tibbird Esquire	do
Peter J Huggins Esquire M.D.	Nominated

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

On motion made and seconded the Orders of the day were taken up

Pursuant to notice previously given, Mr Daniell moved the following Resolution, and was duly seconded

Resolved that this House while anxious and willing to cooperate with the Government in raising funds for the exigencies of the Public Service requests that the Government will offer for the consideration of this House an Act imposing an additional
 Tax

* The Resolution
was unopposed

Tax on all Spirituous Liquors and abol-
ishing one third of the export on Rum
Sugar and Molasses *

(Edward Maynard Esquire took
his seat)

On motion by the President, and
seconded, the House resolved ~~themselves~~
into a Committee of the whole for the
further consideration of the Estimates for 1875

After sitting for some time, on
motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded, the
Committee rose, the House resumed, and
the President reported that the Estimates
had passed the Committee, with amendments
(Joseph Maynard Esquire took his
seat)

On motion by the President, and
seconded, the Estimates were read the
third time and passed

The President then moved, and
was seconded, that the Bill to impose
a tax upon Land be read a second
time by title,

Bill read by title

(Thomas E. Archbald Esquire and Edw:
John Huggins Esquire took their seats)

Mr Daniell moved, and was seconded,
that the House do go into Committee on the
Land Tax Bill

Whereupon the House resolved ~~themselves~~
into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The second clause of the Bill being
under consideration, Mr Edward Maynard
moved that the blanks be filled up at
two shillings for first class, one shilling
for second class, and two pence for third
class lands

Mr Edward Huggins objected, and
moved

moved as an amendment to the motion, that the second class land be taxed at the rate of six pence, and the third class, one penny per acre

The ~~House~~^{Committee} divided on the amendment which was lost, Members voting as follows:—

For	Against
Mr Edward J Huggins	The President
Mr Archbald	Mr Jos. Maynard
	Mr Dyett
	Mr Ed: Maynard
	Mr Daniell
	Mr Hiburd
	Dr Huggins 4

The blanks were then filled up in terms of the original motion

The Committee having arrived at the fourteenth clause of the Bill, Mr Daniell moved that the following words be inserted in the Bill in continuation of the clause And the said Provost Marshal is hereby authorized to retain the said fees for his own use and benefit

Mr Edward Huggins objected to the words being inserted in the Bill

Whereupon the committee divided on the motion, which was lost, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Daniell	The President
Mr Hiburd	Mr Ed: Maynard
	Mr Dyett
	Mr Ed: Huggins
	Mr Archbald
	Dr Huggins 6

The Bill having been committed, on motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded, the committee rose, the House resumed, and the

the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with several amendments

Pursuant to notice previously given, and on motion made and seconded, Mr. Lubard introduced and read a first time a Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to abolish Excise Duties and to impose an additional tax on Sellers of Liquors," and to make other provisions in lieu thereof

Mr. Daniell having obtained leave read the following petition, which was ordered to lie on the Table *

(Appendix A)

* On motion made, & seconded, the House adjourned to the 25th

To His Honour The President and the Members of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia

The petition of Thomas William Archbald Superintendent of Quarantine of the said Presidency respectfully sheweth

That your Petitioner took office as Superintendent of Quarantine at the reduced salary of Twenty pounds sterling per annum for and during such time as no noxious or contagious disease prevailed at any place to render necessary the enforcement of Quarantine Regulations; and further that on the breaking out of any such disease, and on any place being notified as an "infected place", that the salary would revert back to the original sum of £60 allowed by Law, during the time of the operation of the said Quarantine Regulations

That in August 1848, the Small Pox epidemic broke out in the Island of Trinidad and raged there in the most violent type until September 1848, and during

during ten months of that year it was declared an infected place, and your petitioner carried out the duties attached to the office without receiving the amount of remuneration allowed by law under those circumstances

Your petitioner humbly prays your Honourable House to take his case under gracious consideration and grant him the sum of £33.6.8 additional pay for the ten months that the Quarantine Regulations were enforced against the Island of Trinidad aforesaid

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Charlestown

(sd)

J. W. Archbald

February 10th 1845

Supt. of Quarantine

Assembly Room

February 25th 1845

present

His Honour Thomas Jarvis.	President
The Honble R. H. McDyett Esqre	Ex officio
Peter J. Huggins Esqre M.C.	Nominated
Geo W Daniell Esqre	Elective
Thos C Archbald Esqre	Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Mr Daniell moved, and was seconded, that the petition addressed by Mr Archbald,
the

the Superintendent of Quarantine, to this House, and presented at the last meeting, be received, and that the President do forward same to His Excellency The Governor, with the request that His Excellency will sanction the payment of the sum claimed in the petition

The Resolution was unopposed

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to require persons desirous of selling Sugar Caves to obtain a license for so doing

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion made, and seconded, read a first time.

(Thomas Riburd Esquire took his seat)

Mr Daniell moved, and was seconded, that the Standing Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time by title.

Bill read by title

Mr Daniell moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill
(Edward Maynard Esqre and Jos: Maynard Esqre took their seats)

The Committee having risen, on motion by Mr Daniell, and seconded, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with slight amendments

On further motion by Mr Daniell, and seconded, the Standing Rules were further suspended, and the Bill read the third time and passed

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to alter and amend the Schedule to Act No 90 of 1858 entitled ~~Act~~
The

"The Import and Export Tax Act 1858"

Which Bill was, on motion by the President, and seconded, read a first time.

Mr Daniell moved, and was seconded, that the Standing Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time

Bill read

On motion by Mr Daniell, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Bill having been read through in Committee, Mr Daniell moved, as an additional clause, that the Bill do remain in force for five years from the publication thereof

Mr Archbald moved ~~that~~ as an amendment to the motion, that the Bill be for one year

Mr Tiburd then moved, as a ~~further~~ further amendment, that the Bill be for three years

The ~~House~~ Committee divided on Mr Archbald's amendment, which was lost, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Archbald	The President
	Mr Jos Maynard
	Mr Dyett
	Mr Ed. Maynard
	Mr Daniell
	Mr Tiburd
	Doctor Huggins 2

Mr Tiburd's amendment was then put, which was also lost, Members voting as follows:-

For	Against
Mr Archbald	The President
Mr Tiburd	Mr Jos: Maynard
	Mr Dyett
	Mr Daniell
	Mr Ed. Maynard
	Doctor Huggins 6

The amendments having been lost, the Clause was adopted as part of the Bill, and on motion made, and seconded, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with amendments.

On further motion by Mr Daniell, and seconded, the Rules were ~~suspe~~ further suspended, and the Bill read the third time and passed.

The President laid on the Table, Returns prepared by the Treasurer shewing the quantity of Sugar shipped in 1844, the total amount of the disbursements and arrears of the Presidency, and the amount of the revenue collected for same year, and shewing the amounts under the different heads in the same form as set forth in the Estimates, which Returns Mr Edwd. Huggins gave notice on the 11th instant of his intention to ask for.

Mr Daniell moved the following Resolution, and was seconded,

Resolved that this House is desirous to express its willingness to raise sufficient taxation for the exigencies of this Presidency, but is of opinion that it is advisable to repeal one third of the Export duty on Rum, Sugar, and Molasses, and trusts the Government will introduce a Bill to that effect so soon as practicable.

The Resolution was unopposed.

Mr Ryett having obtained leave, introduced and read a first time, a Bill to require persons desirous of acting as Auctioneers in this Presidency, to take out a licence so to do.

Mr Ryett moved, and was seconded, that

that the Standing Rules be suspended,
and the Bill be read a second time.

Bill read

On motion by Mr Dyett and
seconded, the House resolved itself into a
Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen, on
motion made, and seconded, the House
resumed, and the President reported that the
Bill had passed the Committee, and

On further motion by Mr Dyett
~~by Dyett~~, and seconded, the Rules were further
suspended, and the Bill read the third time
and passed

On motion made, and seconded,
The Orders of the Day were taken up

Mr Archbald moved, and was
seconded, that the House do go into
Committee on the Land Tax Bill for the
reconsideration of the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved
itself into a Committee of the whole on
the Bill

The Committee having risen, on
motion by the President, and seconded, the
House resumed, and the President reported
that the Bill had been recommitted with
some amendments

On further motion, and seconded,
the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

On motion by Mr Archbald and,
seconded, the Returns called for by Mr Huggins
and laid on the Table by the President, were
ordered to be printed

The House then adjourned to the
11th March next, on motion made, and seconded



Assembly Room

March 11th 1845

present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis, President.
 Peter Thos Huggins Esqre M^D, Nominated,
 Joseph Maynard Esqre, Nominated
 Thomas Lubrod Esqre Elective
 Thomas E Archbald Esqre Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

(The Honorable R. H. Dyett Esqre, Treasurer, took his seat)

The President informed the House of the Governor's assent to the "Act to impose a tax upon Land" the "Act to require persons desirous of practising as Auditors in this Presidency to obtain a license so to do and the "Estimates for 1845"

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to make provision for the Service of the Island for the year 1845

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion made, and seconded, read a first time

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded, that the Standing Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time

Bill read

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen, the President the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment

On further motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded, the Rules were further suspended, and

the

the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The President ~~gave notice of~~ introduced and read a first time a Bill to impose a ~~tax~~ Stamp Duty,

Which Bill, on motion by Mr. Archbald and seconded, was ordered to be printed and circulated among Members previous to its being called for the second reading.

The President informed the House, with regard to Mr. Jos. Maynards notice of motion given at previous meeting, that the Attorney General had been instructed to prepare Bills to impose a Tax upon Dwelling Houses, and to appoint sworn Gaugers.

On motion made, and seconded, the House adjourned to the 25th inst.

Assembly Room

April 1st 1845

present

His Honor Thomas Harris	President
The Honble R. H. Dyett Esqre	Treasurer
Joseph Maynard Esqre	Nominated
George W. Daniell Esqre	Elective
Peter Thos Huggins	Nominated

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President read the following Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

The Governor begs to acknowledge a petition forwarded by order of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia bearing date the 8th December 1844, from certain Sufferers by recent fires which

which occurred in the Town of Charlestown praying for assistance from the Public Funds towards the restoration of their property.

"The Governor has observed with satisfaction the laudible efforts made by Your Honourable House to place the finances of the Presidency on a satisfactory basis, but considers that until the results of this policy have become apparent, it would be premature to devote any portion of the Public Funds to the object sought for by the petitioners

The President read a report from the Attorney General on the Bill to require persons desirous of selling Sugar Canes to obtain a license so to do, in which the Attorney General was of opinion that the License was excessive"

The President then asked leave to introduce an amended Bill fixing the licence at a reduced rate

Leave being granted, on motion made by the President and seconded, the Bill was read a first time

Mr. J. Maynard moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill read a second time

Bill read

On further motion by Mr. Maynard, the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Bill being read, on arriving at the second clause, Mr. Daniell moved that the License be twenty shillings for the current as well as succeeding years

The President objected, and moved as an amendment that the licence be four shillings

The Committee divided on the amendment

amendment, which was lost, Members voting as follows

For	Against
The President	Mr Dyett
Mr Jos Maynard	Mr Daniell
2	Dr Huggins 3

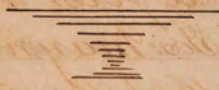
The Committee then divided on the original motion, which was carried, Members voting as follows

For	Against
The President	Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Dyett	
Mr Daniell	
Dr Huggins 4	1

The Bill having been committed, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported accordingly

On further motion by Mr Jos Maynard, and seconded, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill read the third time and passed

The House then rose without adjournment



Assembly Room
Thursday
July 1st 1845

present

His Honor Thos. Jarvis, President	
Geo. W. Daniell Esquire	Elective
J. W. Archbald Esque	do
Edward J. Huggins Esque	do
Thomas [redacted] Esque	do
Edward Maynard Esque	do

* Jos Maynard Esque took his seat
The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed *

Mr Daniell obtained leave to read the following petition, which, after being read, ^{a copy} was ordered to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor (Appendix B)

Mr Daniell ^{moved} the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Archbald *

Whereas this House is of opinion that the Disestablishment of the National Church having failed to benefit the Members of this Communion in this Presidency:— Resolved that His ~~His~~ Excellency the Governor be requested to lay before this House a Bill ~~reestablishing~~ for the reestablishment of the Church of England in Nevis, and pledges itself to raise the necessary funds for the payment of the Ministers of the said Church; and that a Copy of this Resolution be forwarded to His Excellency.

Edw Huggins Esque
took his seat

The Resolution was unopposed
Mr Joseph Maynard, duly seconded
moved the following Resolution
Resolved

"Resolved that the Government be requested to bring in a Bill to impose a tax on Dwelling Houses" *

PJ Huggins Esq
took his seat

The Resolution was unopposed, the President informing the House that the Attorney General had been instructed to prepare the Bill shortly after Mr Maynard had given notice of his motion.

The President informed the House that he had received a letter from the Manager of the Colonial Bank, stating that the Bank would advance the £2000 loan applied for by this Presidency, as soon as the "Loan Act of December 1844" had received the Imperial assent.

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to prevent unqualified persons from carrying Arms, which Bill, being ready, was, on motion made, and seconded, read a first time.

The President gave notice of his intention to introduce at the next meeting, a Bill to continue the Act to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Public Works.

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Jos. Maynard, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill to prevent unqualified persons from carrying Arms be read a second time.

Mr Liburd objected to the second reading of the Bill, and moved the following amendment to the motion: - viz, "That the Bill do lie on the Table for six months" *

(The Honble
M.A. Dyett
took his seat)

The House divided on the amendment, which was lost, members voting as follows

	For		Against	
Mr E J Huggins	}	4.	The President	}
Mr Archbold			Mr Dyett	
Mr Liburd			Mr Jos Maynard	
Mr Huggins			Mr Eduo Maynard	
			Mr Dainell	

Mr Liburd then moved, and was seconded by Mr Archbald, that the House do adjourn

Mr Dyett opposed the motion, which having been put, was lost, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Edward Huggins	The President
Mr Archbald	Mr Dyett
Mr Liburd	Mr Jos Maynard
	Mr Edw Maynard
	Mr Dawell
	Dr Huggins
3	6

The Rules were then suspended, and the Bill read the second time

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Bill being in Committee, Dr Huggins moved that the license for carrying Arms be two shillings instead of ten shillings

The President opposed ^{the} motion which was lost, the Committee voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Edward Huggins	The President
Mr Archbald	Mr Dyett
Mr Liburd	Mr Jos Maynard
Dr Huggins	Mr Ed Maynard
	Mr Dawell
4	5

The blank was then filled up at ten shillings

The President moved that the Penalty under the Bill be fifty shillings

Mr Liburd moved, as an amendment, that the Penalty be twenty shillings

The amendment was then put, which was lost the Committee voting as follows:—

For	Against
Mr Ed Huggins	The President
Mr Archbald	Mr Dyett
Mr Lubird	Mr Jos: Maynard
} 3	Mr Ed Maynard
	Mr Daniell
	Dr Huggins
	} 6

The Penalty was then filled in at Fifty shillings

Mr Lubird moved that the words "for use" be inserted in the first Clause of the Bill after the words "to carry Arms"

Mr Daniell objected to the words being inserted in the Bill

Whereupon the Committee divided on the motion Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Dyett	The President
Mr Ed Huggins	Mr Jos: Maynard
Mr Archbald	Mr Ed Maynard
Mr Lubird	Mr Daniell
Dr Huggins	
} 5	} 4

The ~~amendment~~ motion having passed in the affirmative, the words were written in the Bill

On motion by Mr Dyett, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with amendments

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be further suspended, and the Bill be read the third time

Mr Lubird moved, as an amendment, that the Bill be engrossed before it be read the third time

The House divided on the amendment, ~~which was lost~~, Members voting as follows

For

For	Against
M ^r . Ed Huggins	The President
M ^r . Archbald	M ^r . Dyett
M ^r . Liburd	M ^r . Jos Maynard
	M ^r . Ed Maynard
	M ^r . Hamell

Before the voting had concluded, M^r. Liburd ~~moved~~ Edward Huggins moved, and was seconded by M^r. Liburd, that the House do adjourn.

The President objected to the motion for adjournment, which was put, and lost, members voting as follows

For	Against
M ^r . Ed Huggins	The President
M ^r . Archbald	M ^r . Dyett
M ^r . Liburd	M ^r . Jos Maynard
	M ^r . Ed Maynard
	M ^r . Hamell

The ~~motion for the third reading of~~ the Bill was again put, which was passed in the affirmative, members voting as follows:-

The motion for the adjournment having been lost, M^r. Liburd's amendment to M^r. Dyett's motion was again put to the House, and was lost, members voting as follows

For	Against
M ^r . Ed Huggins	The President
M ^r . Archbald	M ^r . Dyett
M ^r . Liburd	M ^r . Jos Maynard
	M ^r . Ed Maynard
	M ^r . Hamell
	E Huggins

The amendment having been lost, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill read the third time and passed.

On motion by M^r. Daniell, and seconded, the House adjourned to the 15th inst.

(Appendix A)
 Nevis
 To His Honour The President
 and to The Honourable
 Members of the Legislative
 Assembly

The humble petition of Mary Ann
 McPhail, Sheweth,

That your Petitioner is the Widow of
 the late William Butler McPhail, who for a period
 of eighteen years filled several appointments in
 the Customs Department of Nevis, Saint Kitts
 and Antigua, and was on leave of absence
 from the latter Island at the time of his
 death in 1844

That your Petitioner by the loss of
 her husband has been left entirely destitute,
 and now prays that your Honourable House
 will take her case into its merciful consideration,
 and grant her such a pension, however trifling,
 from the Treasury, as has been done in other
 instances on behalf of the widows of Public
 Servants in this Presidency

And your petitioner, as in duty
 bound, will ever pray

(sd) M A McPhail

Assembly Room

Thursday
July 8th 1845

present

His Honour Thomas Jarvis, President
The Honble R H Dyett Esqre, Treasurer,
Joseph Maynard Esqre
Peter Thomas Huggins Esqre
Edward Maynard Esqre
George Webb Daniell Esqre

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed

Pursuant to notice previously given,
the President moved, and was seconded, that
the Bill to revive the Act N^o 14 of 1840 entitled
"An Act to provide for the appointment of a
Superintendent of Public Works" be read a
first time

Bill read

The^s E ~~Mr~~ Archbald Esquire took his seat

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded,
that the Standing Rules be suspended and
the Bill read the second time

Bill read

Thomas Liturd Esquire took his seat.
while the Bill was being read

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded,
that the House do go into Committee on the
Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself
into a Committee of the whole on the Bill
Edward John Huggins Esquire took
his seat

On motion by Mr Dyett, and
seconded, the Committee rose, the House
resumed, and the President reported

that the Bill had passed the Committee with amendments

Mr Dyett then moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be further suspended, and the Bill read the third time

Mr Lubird objected to the third reading of the Bill before it was engrossed

The House divided on the motion, which passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows:-

For	Against
The President	Mr Ed Huggins
Mr Dyett	Mr Archbald
Mr Jos Maynard	Mr Lubird
Mr Ed. Maynard	
Mr Daniell	
Dr. Huggins	
6	3

The Bill was then read the third time and passed

The President gave notice of his intention to introduce at a later period of the day, a Bill to amend the Land Tax Act

Pursuant to notice previously given, Mr Daniell and on motion made, and second, Mr Daniell introduced and read a first time a Bill to legalize the erection of Wharves, by private persons, along the shores of this Island

Mr Daniell then moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill read the second time

Mr Lubird opposed the second reading of the Bill

The House divided on the motion which was carried, Members voting as follows:-

For	Against
The President	Mr Ed. Huggins
Mr Dyett	Mr Archbald

Assembly Room
Thursday
August 19th 1875
present

His Honor Thos: Jarvis	President
Peter Thomas Huggins Esq. M.P.	Nominated
Edwd: Maynard Esq.	Elective
Edwd: J Huggins Esq.	do
Thomas Lubud Esq.	do
George W Daniell Esq.	do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Thomas Esquire Archbald Esq. took his seat while the minutes were being read

The following Proclamation was read to the House by the President (Appendix A)

Mr Edward Maynard moved, and was seconded, "that the election be postponed to the 26th instant"

Mr Lubud objected to a postponement of the election, and moved, as an amendment to the motion, "that the Election be proceeded with"

The amendment was then put, and passed in the affirmative, the Elected Members (only) voting as follows:-

For	Against
Mr Ed: Huggins	Mr Ed: Maynard
Mr Archbald	Mr Daniell
Mr Lubud 3	2

Mr Archbald submitted certain Rules for the guidance of the Elected Members in electing a Member to represent them in The Federal Council

The Rules were ordered to be read:-
after

after which they were adopted

(Appendix B)

The President then called upon the Elected Members to elect their Representative

Mr Edward Maynard nominated Mr George W Daniell, and Mr Edward Huggins nominated Mr Thomas Lubrid

The votes were then recorded, and were as follows

For Mr Daniell	For Mr Lubrid
Mr Edward Maynard	Mr Ed Huggins
Mr Geo Daniell	Mr Archibald
	Mr Lubrid

Mr Lubrid, having the majority of votes, was declared by the President to be the member duly elected to represent this Presidency in the General Legislative Council of the Newward Islands

On motion made, and seconded, the Orders of the Day were taken up

On motion by Mr Daniell, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to legalize the erection of Wharves by private persons along the Shores of this Island

The Committee having risen, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment, and was thereupon ordered to stand for their reading at next meeting

Pursuant to notice previously given Mr Edward Huggins asked the President if the report was correct, that a considerable sum of money had been remitted to Antigua from this Island, to help the necessities of Antigua

The

The President replied that the report was false, — that Nevis was considerably in debt to Antigua

Joseph Maynard Esqre took his seat
On motion made, and seconded, the other Items on the Orders of the Day were postponed

The President moved, and was seconded, that the sum of (£30) Thirty Pounds be granted to Mrs Mary Ann McPhail, ~~William~~ Widow of the late W D McPhail
The Resolution passed unanimously
The House then adjourned sine die

(Appendix A)

Seal of
Heeward Islands

George Berkeley
Governor

By His Excellency George Berkeley Esquire Companion of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Heeward Islands, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same — To — To — To —

A Proclamation

Whereas by the Heeward Islands Act 1841 it is amongst other things provided that the Elective Members of the General Legislative Council of the Heeward Islands shall respectively be chosen by the Elective Members of the Island Council from which they are taken in such manner as the Island Council may from time to time by any Standing Rule determine, and within such period as may from time to time be prescribed by Proclamation. And whereas
by

by Proclamation under my hand and Seal bearing date the fifteenth day of April 1875 in the 38th year of Her Majesty's reign the said General Legislative Council of the Leeward Islands has been dissolved and it is therefore necessary that the Elective Members of the Island Councils of Antigua, Saint Christopher, Dominica and Nevis should choose from the said Islands Councils Elective Members to serve in the General Legislative Council; Now therefore under the authority of the said Act I do by this my Proclamation command the Elective Members of the Island Council of ~~Nevis~~ called the Legislative Assembly of Nevis on or before Tuesday the thirty first day August next ensuing to elect and choose from the said Island Council in such manner as has been or may be determined by any Standing Rule of the said Island Council, One Member to serve for the Presidency of Nevis in the General Legislative Council of the Leeward Islands

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Leeward Islands this ninth day of July 1875 in the 38th year of Her Majesty's Reign

By His Excellency's command

(Sd) P. Burns

Colonial Secretary

God save the Queen!

(Appendix B)

Resolved: That the following Rules be observed in the election of a Member to serve in the General Legislative Council: viz:—

1 The President or the Presiding Member

Member of the Legislative Assembly shall ~~be~~
act as Returning Officer

2. The Elected Members of the Assembly shall put the Candidate or Candidates in nomination

3. Immediately after the Candidate or Candidates shall have been nominated, the Returning Officer shall take the votes of the Elective Members as they stand on the Clerk's List, and the Candidate who shall have the greatest number of votes shall be declared the Member to serve in the General Legislative Council as the Member for the Presidency of Nova

4. In case of two of the Candidates having an equality of votes, the Returning Officer shall proceed to a fresh election, and should there again be an equality of votes for the two Candidates, the Returning Officer shall proceed to another Election, and so on as often as may be necessary, until a Member shall be elected: Such fresh Election or Elections may be at the same or an adjourned meeting or meetings

Assembly Room
Thursday
November 8th 1845

— " —
present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis	President
The Honble R ^t Adyett Esq	Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esq	do
Peter J Huggins Esq	do
Edward Maynard Esq	Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

(Thomas Liburd Esq took his seat)

The President informed the House that Her Majesty had been pleased to give Her assent to the following Acts of the Legislature, viz:— Nos 5 & 6 of 1844 and Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 of 1845

The President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had re-appointed The Honourable Sir Thomas Graham Driggs, Baronet, to be a Non-Elective Member of the Legislative Assembly, as he had lost his seat not having attended the Meetings of the Legislature for three months

The President informed the House that the Governor had issued a Proclamation summoning the Federal Council to meet at Antigua on the second day of December next

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to prevent the Sale ~~and~~ or Exportation of Stolen Metals

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion made, and seconded, read a first time by title

On

On motion by Mr Edward Maynard,
and seconded, the Standing Rules of the
House were suspended, and the Bill was read
a second time

The President moved, and was seconded,
that the sum of One Guinea per diem be voted,
~~to~~ as the allowance to the Members who shall
represent Nevis in the Federal Council, for such
periods as they shall be engaged at Sessions

The Resolution was unanimously
agreed to

The President intimated to the
House, that the Secretary of State had sanctioned
the vote of (£ 30) made to Thirty Pounds to Mr
Mary Tom McPhail, passed by the House
on the 19th of August last

Thomas Erskine Archbald Esquire
took his seat

On motion made, and seconded,
the House adjourned to the 18th instant



Assembly Room
Thursday
November 18th 1845

— " —

present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis President
The Honble R H Dyett Esqre Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esqre do
Peter S Huggins Esqre M.D. do
Thomas Lubrid Esqre Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed

The President obtained leave to
introduce a Bill "to amend the Act No
1 of 1845 entitled an Act to impose a tax
upon land"

Which Bill, being ready, was,
on motion made and seconded, read
a first time by title

On further motion by the
President, the Standing Rules were
suspended, and the Bill was read a
second time, and ordered to stand for
commitment at next meeting

The President moved, and was
seconded, that the House do go into Com-
mittee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved
itself into a Committee of the whole
on the Bill

(George W Daniell Esqre took
his seat)

(Edward Maynard Esqre and
Thomas S Archbald Esqre took their seats)

On motion by M^r Dyett, and
seconded, the Committee rose, the House
resumed, and the President reported that
the Bill had passed the Committee

Whereupon

Whereupon the Bill was ordered to stand for its third reading at the next meeting.

The Orders of the Day having been taken up, pursuant to notice previously given, Mr Joseph Maynard moved, and was seconded by Mr Dyett, "That the Government be requested to introduce a Bastardy Act in this Presidency."

The President stated that he had given notice in January last of his intention to introduce such a Bill to the Legislature, and that the Attorney General had been instructed to prepare the Bill.

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following resolution, and was duly seconded.

"This House considers it unnecessary and injurious to the Island, the Mails being closed two days before they are at St Kitts, and begs to call the attention of the Government to the circumstance."

The President stated to the House that this subject had already engaged the attention of the Government, and that the Postmaster had been instructed to communicate with the Inspector General of the Post Office on the subject.

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following resolution, and was duly seconded.

"This House learns with regret that the Medical Officers are unable to carry out the Vaccination Law because they cannot obtain any good lymph, and begs the Government will take the necessary steps to procure some."

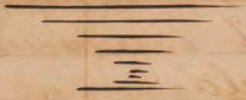
The President replied that lymph had been supplied to the Medical Officers on several occasions, and that a further supply is expected.

Mr

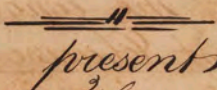
M^r Edward Maynard enquired of the President "whether the Government had taken any steps to prepare an Act in lieu of the Act appointing a Superintendent of Public Works which expires at the end of the year"

The President replied that such a Bill was under consideration of the Government

The House then adjourned sine die on motion duly made and seconded



Legislative Assembly
Wednesday
December 15th 1845



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| presents | |
| His Honor Thomas Jarris. | President |
| The Honourable R. Holt Dyett Esqre. | Nominated |
| J. S. Graham Briggs Bart. | Nominated |
| Joseph Maynard Esqre | Nominated |
| George Webb Daniell Esqre | Elective |

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill "to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Public Works"

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion made by the President, and seconded, read a first time

On further motion by the President, and seconded, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a second time

Thomas Liburd Esquire and Thomas Erskine Archbald Esquire took their seats while the Bill was being read

Sir

Sir Graham Briggs moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be further suspended to allow the House to go into Committee on the Bill

Mr Archbald opposed the committal of the Bill, and moved as an amendment that the Bill do lie on the Table for six months

The House divided on the amendment, which was lost, Members voting as follows:—

For	Against
Mr Liburd	The President
Mr Archbald	Mr Dyett
	Sir Graham Briggs
	Mr Jos: Maynard
	Mr Daniell — 5

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The first Clause of the Bill having been read, Mr Daniell moved that ~~after~~ the words "Superintendent of Public Works," and the rest of the Clause be struck out, and that the Clause should read thus:— "It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors to appoint five Commissioners for the Superintendance of the Public Roads and Buildings of this Island"

Sir Graham Briggs objected to Mr Daniell's proposed alteration of the Clause

Mr Daniell's motion was then put, and was lost, the Committee voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Daniell	The President
Mr Liburd	Mr Dyett
Mr Archbald	Sir Graham Briggs
	Mr Jos: Maynard — 4

The motion having been lost, the Clause was committed as it originally stood

Peter

Peter Thomas Huggins Esqre took his seat

The Bill having been read Clause by Clause, on motion by Mr Dyett, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had been committed with some amendments

Edward Maynard Esquire took his seat previous to the rising of the Committee.

Mr Daniell moved and was seconded by Mr Siburd, that Members be furnished with Copies of the Bill previous to its being read the third time

Sir Graham Briggs opposed Mr Daniell's motion, and moved, as an amendment, that the Bill be read the third time

The amendment was then put, and the House voted thereon with following result

Against	For
Mr Ed. Maynard	The President
Mr Daniell	Mr Dyett
Mr Siburd	Sir Graham Briggs
Mr Archbald 4	Mr Jos Maynard 4

The votes on either side being equal, the President gave a double or casting vote for the amendment

Mr Siburd moved, and was seconded by Mr Archbald, that the House do adjourn

Sir Graham Briggs opposed the motion for an adjournment

The motion was then put, and Members voted as follows

For	Against
Mr Ed Maynard	The President
Mr Daniell	Mr Dyett
Mr Siburd	Sir Graham Briggs
Mr Archbald 4	Mr Jos Maynard 4

The votes being equal, the President gave a double or casting vote against the motion for the adjournment

The House then rose *quo die*

Legislative Assembly
Wednesday
January 12th 1846

present

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| His Honour Thomas Jarvis | President |
| His Honourable Robert Spruce Sheriff | Atty Genl |
| Joseph Maynard Esquire | Nominated |
| Peter Thos Huggins Esquire | Nominated |
| Thomas Lubard Esquire | Elective |
| Edward Maynard Esquire | Elective |

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.

The President announced to the House ~~that~~ ~~House~~ that His Excellency the Governor had nominated Mordaunt Pemberton Esq to a Member of the Assembly, vice Sir Thomas Graham Buggs, Baronet, resigned

Mr Pemberton being in attendance, the necessary oaths were administered to him, and he took his seat

His Excellency the Governor, attended by his Private Secretary, entered the Assembly Room, and having taken his seat, was pleased to deliver the following Address

(Appendix A)

Mr Archbald took his seat while the Address was being delivered

The foregoing speech having been concluded

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concluded, His Excellency withdrew from the Assembly Room

The Address was then read from the Chair by the President

The Attorney General moved, and was seconded, that a Committee be appointed by the President to reply to His Excellency's Address

Whereupon the President appointed the Attorney General, Mr Edward Maynard and Mr Richbald to form the Committee.

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill "to revive the Act No 6 of 1844 entitled An Act to impose an additional duty of twenty five per cent on the duties now payable on Imports into and Exports from the Island of Harris of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize; and to impose an additional twenty five per cent on the sum now paid for Rum and Liquor Licenses"

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion made, and seconded, read a first time

On further motion by the President and seconded the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a second time

The Attorney General moved, and was seconded that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

On motion by the Attorney General and seconded, the Bill was read the third time and passed

On motion by the President, and seconded, the Bill "to prevent the sale or exportation of stolen metals" was read the third time and passed

The President laid the Estimates for 1846 on the Table, and leave being granted, they were read the first time

M^r Archbold moved the following Resolution

Whereas the Minute Book of the Legislature was destroyed in the fire of 3rd August 1843, and some misapprehension having thereby existed in reference to the real amount of allowance ^{the Legislature} formerly granted to the Delegates of this Presidency when it was recently fixed at one guinea per day. And Whereas it has been brought to the notice of this House that the said allowance was thirty shillings

Resolved therefore that this House desires that the said sum of thirty shillings voted by the Legislature as allowance money to the Delegates from this Presidency to the Federal Council be restored

The Resolution was not seconded

On motion by the Attorney General and seconded, the House adjourned to the 17th instant

(Appendix A)

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly

I feel that I appear before you personally for the first time under unfavorable circumstances, inasmuch as it is my imperative duty to urge upon you the necessity of making provision to restore the equilibrium between

between your revenue and expenditure by the means of additional taxation

2 The expressions however that I have heard on all sides since my arrival in this Presidency, and the loyal response that you have given on former occasions to similar appeals from the Executive, tend to the conclusion that it will be your desire, representing the feelings of the Community at large, to uphold the credit of the Island in its integrity

3 On the 31st of January last year the Administrator addressed a Minute to Your Honourable House, in which the condition of the local finances was most ably set forth. Certain proposals were also made for meeting existing obligations and increasing the revenue. Had the data upon which these calculations were based been realized, the present unfortunate condition of affairs would have been avoided

4 Under the head of Imports alone the revenue falls short of the Estimates by £2740. The most careful enquiries on my part have failed to elicit any satisfactory reason for this deficiency. Should the fault be in the arrangements as at present provided for the collection of the revenue, the sooner an improved system is adopted the better

5 I will now put before you as concisely as possible, the state of the Public finances at the present moment. Estimates shewing a return to the like effect will be laid before you

The arrears of expenditure for 1875, are _____ £581, 0. 0

£ 581.0.0

The amount required for the ordinary Service of 1846, including interest on loans and first instalment £ 400 ----- 7923 . 0 . 0

Balance due for repairs to Anglican Churches ----- 498 . 0 . 0

Cost of restoring the Court House ----- 200 . 0 . 0

Total Expenditure ----- 8621 . 0 . 0

Total estimated revenue including 25% additional on Imports ----- 6654 . 0 . 0

Leaving a deficiency of ----- 3048 . 0 . 0

6. Exclusive therefore of the balance due for 1845 ----- £ 591 and exceptional expenditure for grant to Churches and repairs to Court House ----- £ 1198, 1779 . 0 . 0

The probable excess of expenditure over revenue on the actual proceedings of the year is ----- 1269 . 0 . 0

7. With respect to the former of these exceptional charges, the faith of the Presidency is pledged, and any delay in meeting the obligation might possibly be attended with additional expense. I would therefore propose that the amount should be at once devoted to its intended purpose

8 The restoration of the Court House is also a work demanding serious consideration, and it is only on account of the position of the Presidency that it is proposed to defer the undertaking until a more opportune moment

9 Assuming therefore that the amount for the repairs to the Churches ----- 1269 . 0 . 0

is paid _____ £ 498
 and provision made for the
 outstanding balance of 1875 £ 581, 1079.0.0
 the liabilities to be met, exclusive
 of the repairs to the Court House,
 amount to _____ £ 348.0.0

10 The Government propose to make up
 the deficiency by an Excise tax estimated
 to produce £ 800.0.0

A Stamp Duty	200.0.0
Additional Registrar's Fees	100.0.0
A Boat Tax	40.0.0
Increase of Horse & Carriage tax	300.0.0
Additional Export Tax of 4%	800.0.0
	£ 2240.0.0

11 With regard to this latter tax I
 would remark that, on the introduction of
 the system of Immigration in this Pre-
 sidency, contrary to the practise existing in
 other Colonies, a nominal contribution only
 from the General Revenue was made towards
 its support, by diverting to that object a
 tax already in existence and hitherto
 devoted to the general Service of the Colony.

12 In considering the scheme
 submitted to you for supplementing the
 revenue, I would call your attention to
 the gravity of the emergency in which the
 Government finds itself placed, and to
 the false principles of political economy
 involved by a system of delay in making
 provision for ordinary current expenditure,
 or of meeting such expenditure by a resort
 to extraneous means. It is to be hoped, by
 no one more more earnestly than myself,
 that in view of the favorable prospects
 for the coming year, and the possible
 cessation

cessation of special circumstances tending for the time to reduce the Customs revenue, the present extraordinary call upon your local resources may be of limited duration

13 I understand that certain modifications in the mode of ~~collecting~~ applying the funds voted for the repairs of the roads are considered advisable. I shall be happy to meet the views of the Legislature on this ~~subject~~ respect as far as practicable

14 The Act for levying a duty on vehicles and horses, and the Act imposing ~~also~~ additional and Exports require to be renewed, and an opportunity has been taken for revising the former Act to meet the proposed increase in the rate of duty

15 Certain amendments in the Land Tax Act have been suggested by the Secretary of State, which I recommend to your favourable consideration

16 It has also been represented to me that a loss to the revenue is incurred in consequence of the expiry of the Docket of fees previously in force in connection with the Registrar's Office. I think that Legislative provision should be made for securing these fees until such time as the Federal Council may legislate in regard thereto

17. Unavoidable circumstances have prevented my visiting the several Presidencies as often as I could desire. I trust however that the special reasons which have hitherto rendered my presence at the Seat of Government unavoidable, may in future prove no bar to my frequent intercourse with the different Islands in the Confederation, of which Peris forms no insignificant part. The cordial reception I meet with during my visits, is in itself, I can assure you, no small additional incentive to the desire I naturally feel for the welfare and prosperity of those whose interests I am bound to study

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Legislative Assembly Room
Monday
January 14th 1846

Members present,

His Honour Thomas Jarvis President.
Joseph Maynard Esquire Nominated
Peter Thomas Huggins, Esqre, M.D. do
Thomas Liburd Esquire Elective
Thomas Eskrine Archbald Esqre do

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed

(Edward Maynard Esquire took his
seat while the Minutes were being read)

The Honourable R. F. Sheriff, Attorney
General, took his seat

The Committee appointed on the 12th
instant to reply to the Governor's Address
brought up their reply, which was read by
the Attorney General, and was as follows*

* Appendix No)

Mordant Pemberton Esqre took his
seat while the reply was being read

The reply was then read from the Chair
by the President

(Edward John Huggins Esquire took
his seat)

On motion by Mr Archbald, and
seconded, the House adopted the Reply, and
the President signed the same

The President then moved, and was
seconded, that a message be sent to His
Excellency the Governor, informing him that
that the House had prepared a reply to his
Address of the 12th instant, which would
be presented at such time and place
as His Excellency would appoint

The motion was agreed to, and the
President nominated Mr Pemberton and
Dr

Dr Huggins to wait on His Excellency with the message

Mr Pemberton and Dr Huggins accordingly retired from the House, and on their return reported that His Excellency was prepared to receive the reply then at his Office

The House then proceeded to His Excellency's Office, and the President presented the reply

Whereupon His Excellency thanked the House for the reply which had been presented to him

The House then retired, and returned to the Assembly Room, and resumed business, Edward John Huggins Esqre being absent from his seat

The President laid the Treasurer's Account of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Presidency for 1845 on the Table

On motion by the President, and seconded, the Orders of the Day were taken up.

The Attorney General moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill to amend the Land Tax Act

Mr Archbald objected to the motion, stating that he had not been furnished with a Copy of the Bill

Whereupon the Attorney General withdrew his motion

(Mr Edward Huggins resumed his seat)

Referring to the Treasurers Accounts, Mr Archbald took exception to the following Items of expenditure, on the ground that they had not been sanctioned by the Legislature, viz Advance to Inspector James on his going to Dominica £9.6.8, Copying Acts 16 of Assessing Lands £6.18.0, Compiling and binding Blue Books
and on motion by him made, and seconded, Ordered that the said Account be printed, and Members served with Copies

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The President explained the nature of the payments, and the authority under which they were made

The Attorney General moved, and was seconded, that the Estimates for 1876 be read a second time, and they were read accordingly

On motion by the Attorney General and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Estimates

The Estimated expenditure being under consideration, Mr Liburd moved that the item of £200 for a Superintendent of Public Works be struck out

The Attorney General objected to the motion, and moved, as an amendment, that the item do remain

The Committee divided on the amendment, which was, carried, members voting as follows

For	Against
The President	Mr Ed Huggins
The Attorney General	Mr Archbald
Mr Pemberton	Mr Liburd
Mr Jos Maynard	
Mr Ed. Maynard	
Dr Huggins 6	3

The item accordingly passed the Committee

Mr Liburd moved that the item of £964 for Police Establishment be reduced to £500

The President objected to a reduction of the item, and moved, as an amendment to the motion, that the item do remain

The Committee divided on the amendment, which was carried, Members voting as follows

For

For	Against
The President	Mr Ed Huggins
The Attorney General	Mr Archbald
Mr Reimberton	Mr Huburd
Mr Jos Maynard	Dr Huggins
Mr Ed. Maynard 5	

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The item was passed accordingly

On motion by ^{Mr Ed. Maynard} ~~the President~~, the sum of £375 for Charitable Allowances was increased to £500, ~~the additional £125 to be applied for purposes of out-door relief~~

On motion by Mr Edward Maynard, the amount for Printing and Stationery was put down at £75, instead of £100

On motion by Mr Huburd, the sum of £6 for opening watercourses was struck out

The Attorney General moved that the Committee do rise, the House resume, and the President report progress and pray leave to sit again

Whereupon the House resumed and the President reported accordingly

Mr Archbald moved the following Resolution, and was duly seconded

Resolved that the sum of £500, voted for the Infirmary, be applied to the maintenance of patients in the Infirmary, and for the out-door relief of those who could not be admitted for want of room in the Institution

Mr Edward Maynard opposed the motion

Before the House divided, the Attorney General moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into Committee for the reconsideration of the Estimates

The motion was agreed to, and the House accordingly went into committee

Mr

Mr Edward Maynard moved that the sum of £500 granted for the Infirmary, be applied for the maintenance of the inmates only

Mr Archbald then moved, as an amendment, the motion he had put to the House previous to its moving into Committee, that the sum should also be applied for purposes of out door relief

The Committee divided on the amendment, which was carried, Members voting as follows

For	Against
The Attorney General	The Presidents
Mr Pemberton	Mr Ed. Maynard
Mr Jos Maynard	Dr Huggins
Mr Ed. Huggins	Mr Siburd
Mr Archbald 5	4

Mr Ed Maynard moved that the sum of £60 only be applied for purposes of out door relief

Before the sense of the House was taken on the motion, Mr Maynard moved a further motion that the Committee do adjourn

Whereupon the Committee adjourned to Tuesday the 25th instant
(Appendix A)

May it please Your Excellency

We the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia beg to thank Your Excellency for the Address which you have been pleased to make to us

We are much gratified to ~~find~~ learn that Your Excellency hopes to be able in future to visit this Presidency more frequently. We shall always be prepared to give Your Excellency a respectful and cordial welcome, and we believe that Your Excellency's

Excellency's presence amongst us and administration of the Government from time to time will be of great advantage by enabling Your Excellency to become personally acquainted with the Public affairs and interests of this

The present financial embarrassment to which Your Excellency has so forcibly directed our attention occasions us the deepest concern. We observe the large excess of expenditure over revenue in 1845 as well as the serious ~~diminution~~ deficit for the present year. We are unable satisfactorily to explain the diminution in the amount received for Customs Duties during the past year, the figures being £2263,11,4 less than in 1843, and £1875,6,4 less than ~~it~~ was estimated upon in the Estimates. We respectfully recommend to Your Excellency that a Committee should be appointed to thoroughly investigate the organization of the Treasury Department, and the arrangements provided for the collection of the Revenue, so as to discover, if possible, the reasons to which the startling falling off in these duties is to be attributed. We beg to assure Your Excellency that the Legislative Assembly is both willing and anxious to assist the Government to overcome the difficulties of our financial position, and we fully recognize the necessity for upholding the public credit as of paramount importance. We shall give our best consideration to the suggestions proposed by Your Excellency for restoring the equilibrium between our Revenue and expenditure by means of additional taxation.

We recognize the difficulty of providing the necessary funds for the restoration of the Court House this year, and we regret the

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The unavoidable delay that has taken place in effecting this important work. We consider that the present temporary Structure is not only unsafe, but altogether unfit for the due and dignified administration of Justice, and we recommend to Your Excellency the advisability of providing more suitable accommodation until the restoration of the Court House, which we earnestly desire may be accomplished as soon as possible.

We agree with Your Excellency that the amount for which the faith of the Presidency is pledged for the repairs of the Anglican Churches should be paid at once.

We desire to direct Your Excellency's attention to the absence of proper discipline in the Gaol, and to the great advantage that would accrue if the Convict Labour was more extensively employed than at present upon Works of Public utility outside the Prison Walls and especially upon the roads within a radius of three miles from the Gaol. We should be glad if Your Excellency would be pleased to appoint a Committee to report upon the management of the Gaol, the treatment of the prisoners, and the nature of the discipline enforced. It is an apparent fact that the fear of imprisonment has now little deterrent effect upon offenders.

We submit to Your Excellency that the offices of Clerk to the President and Legislative Assembly and Magistrates Clerk might with advantage be combined, and a saving be thereby effected of £100 per annum. The Magistrates Summonses might be prepared

prepared by the Sergeant or some other Officer of the Police, and any further duties of the Magistrates Clerk might in our opinion be easily performed by the Clerk to the President

We desire also to call Your Excellency's attention to the very large expenditure for the Police. In 1841 the Police Force consisted of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 7 Privates, and the annual cost was £332.0.0. In 1842 the Force was augmented by 1 additional Corporal and 5 additional Privates, and the cost was increased to £537.0.0, and it consists at present of 22 Members including Officers and Privates, and costs £964, exclusive of £75 for Clothing. We believe that a reduction in the number of the Police might safely be made and considerable economy be effected under this head of expenditure, which in the present financial embarrassment of the Presidency would be a great relief

We think that the repairs of the roads would be better and more economically effected than under the present system, if they were entrusted to the Owners or Agents of adjacent Estates, as at Saint Kitts, who would execute the repairs under the supervision of some competent Person who would certify the extent and efficiency of the repairs and the sum expended, the amount of which would be fixed in proportion to the total amount voted for the repairs of the roads

We regret that Your Excellency's first Address to us should have been under such unfavourable circumstances, but we hope that under Your Excellency's able and judicious administration our finances may regain a healthy condition, and that the general prosperity of the Presidency may be advanced

Unanimously adopted
January 17th 1870

(Sd) Thomas Davis
President

Assembly Room
 Tuesday
 January 28th 1846

~~present~~
~~His Honor Thomas Jarvis President~~
~~Edward Maynard Esq~~
~~Thomas Liburd Esquire~~
~~Mrs. Pemberton Esquire~~
 A Quorum not having assembled,
 no meeting was held

Assembly Room
 Tuesday
 January 25th 1846
 present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis President
 Mrs. Pemberton Esquire, nominated,
 Peter Thos Huggins Esquire do
 Geo H Daniell Esquire Elective
 Thomas Liburd Esq do
 Thomas C Archbald Esq do
 Edward Maynard Esq do

The Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read

Mr Archbald objected to the con-
 firmation of the minutes

Mr Daniell then moved, and was
 seconded, that the minutes be confirmed
 which Resolution was agreed to,
 Mr Archbald dissenting

Mr Archbald then stated that he
 protested against the confirmation of
 the minutes

The Orders of the Day having been
 taken

taken up on motion made and seconded, the House resumed Committee for the consideration of the Estimates for 1876

The President laid on the Table, a Statement of the money received and expended by the Directors of the Infirmary in 1875 in support of the Institution.

On motion by Mr ~~Liburd~~ Edward Maynard the sum of £440 was passed for the support of the inmates of the Infirmary, and £60 for purposes of out door relief

On motion by the President, the sum of £25 was placed on the Estimates for the Chaplaincy of the Gaol

Mr Archbald enquired why the usual item for the Pier Keeper was not put in the Estimates

The President replied that it was purposely omitted, as it was thought that the service could be performed by the Police

Mr Liburd moved that the sum of £200 for a Superintendent of Public Works be struck out of the Estimates

The President opposed the motion, which was put from the Chair, and lost, the Committee voting as follows

For		Against
Mr Daniell		The President
Mr Archbald		Mr Pemberton
Mr Liburd		Mr E Maynard
3		Mr Staggins
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Joseph Maynard Esquire took his seat

The sums estimated to be realized from an additional Export tax £800, and an Excise duty £800 were struck out of the Estimates, and the Committee placed the following items on the Estimates. House tax £500

£500 Income tax £500, additional duty of twenty five per cent on Imports exclusive of Corn meal and Flour £360.

On motion by Mr Hiburd, the amount of £400 for Land Tax was put at £1000

On motion duly made, and seconded, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported progress, and prayed leave to sit again

Mr Daniell moved the following Resolution, and was duly seconded

Resolved that the sum of £60 voted for out door relief be equally divided among the Clergy of both Denominations for distribution

The Resolution was unopposed

Mr Hiburd moved the following resolution, and was seconded by Mr Daniell

Whereas the estimated amount to be raised from the land tax is far under the amount ~~to be raised~~ submitted to this House when the Bill was introduced by the Government

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Returns and payments made under the said Act, and in the meantime ~~the~~ the amount be put at £1000

The Resolution was unopposed.

Mr Daniell moved the following resolution, and was duly seconded

That an additional amount of twenty five per cent be raised on all Imports with the exception of Corn meal and flour

The Resolution was unopposed
Mr

Mr Archbald moved the following Resolution

Resolved that His Honour the President be respectfully requested to communicate to the Postmaster the desire of this House that supplemental mails be made up daily and forwarded to Sanit Kitts after the expiry of the regular closing day in this Presidency and until the arrival of the mail Steamer at that Port. And further, that if the mails shall arrive at the Post Office at any time after six and before seven o'clock P.M. the same shall be deliverable within one and a half hours after the receipt thereof

Mr Archbald's resolution was not seconded.

Mr Daniell, duly seconded, moved the following resolution

Resolved that His Honour Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to direct the preparing of two Bills one raising a tax upon the Houses of the Island, (not being Estates Houses) and the other, on Incomes, for the purpose of raising the sum of One thousand pounds.

The Resolution was unopposed.

Mr Archbald moved the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Hibino

Resolved that in future the Public printing of this Presidency be given out on contract, and that proclamations, Notices, &c be published in one of the Newspapers of the Presidency, instead of being written and placarded as heretofore

Mr Edward Maynard opposed the Resolution, which was put from the Chair and lost, Members voting as follows

For

For
Mr Liburd
Mr Archbald

Against
The President
Mr Pemberton
Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Ed Maynard
J Stuggins 5

Mr Archbald gave the following notice
That at the next meeting of the House
I will move a resolution that the amount
for public printing be struck out of the Estimates
On motion by Mr Liburd, and seconded,
the House adjourned to Friday the 28th inst

No meeting held on the 28th a quorum not
having assembled, House called for 31st Inst

~~Assembly Room
February 10th 1846
present~~

~~His Honor Thomas Jarvis, President
The Hon. P. A. Dyett, Treasurer
No meeting, a quorum not having
assembled, and House stands adjourned to 15th inst.
under 3rd Standing Rule.~~

Assembly Room
January 31 1846

present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis Esqre Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esqre Nominated
Mordant Pemberton Esqre Nominated
Peter Thomas Stuggins Esqre Nominated
Thomas Liburd Esqre Elective
Edward Maynard Esqre Elective
George Webb Daniell Esqre Elective

The Minutes of the previous
meeting were read and confirmed.
On

On motion by the President and seconded, the Orders of the day were taken up

The House resumed Committee on the Estimates for 1846, on motion by the President, and seconded

Mr Edward Maynard moved that the Allowance to the Medical Officer of the Gaol for Medicines for that Institution be £20 instead of £10

The motion was agreed to

Mr Joseph Maynard moved that the Committee do rise, the House resume, and the President report progress

Whereupon the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Estimates had passed the Committee with some amendments

On motion by the President, and seconded, the Estimates were read the third time and passed

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to impose an additional duty of twenty five per cent on the duties payable on Imports into the Island of ^{Guam} of goods, wares and merchandize

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion ~~made~~ by the President, and seconded, read a first time

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Pemberton, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill read a second time

The motion was agreed to and the Bill read accordingly

On motion by the President, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

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The Committee having risen and the House resumed on motion by Mr. Jos. Maynard, the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

And on motion by Mr. Hiburn, and seconded, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill read the third time and passed

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to impose a tax upon Horses and Mules, Carriages and other Vehicles

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion by the President, and seconded, read a first time

The President then moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time.

Which motion was agreed to, and the Bill was accordingly read.

On motion by Mr. Hiburn, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

A Clause was inserted in the Bill limiting its duration to twelve months from the publication thereof, on motion by Mr. Daniell

The Committee having risen and the House resumed on motion by the President, the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with some amendments

And on further motion by him made, and seconded, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill read the third time and passed

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr. Pemberton, that the Bill to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Public Works be read a third time.

Mr.

Mr Liburd opposed the motion, and after some debate on the subject, the third reading of the Bill was postponed

On motion by the President, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the "Bill to amend the Act No 1 of 1845 to impose a tax upon land"

On arriving at the eighth clause of the Bill, the Committee struck out the same on motion by Mr Pemberton

The Committee having risen, and the House resumed, on motion by Mr Liburd, the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with some amendments

On motion duly made, and seconded, the House adjourned to Thursday the 10th proximo *



Assembly Room
Thursday
February 14th 1846

present

- His Honor Thomas Jarvis President
- The Honorable J. H. Dyett Esq. Nominated
- Joseph Maynard Esquire. Nominated
- Peter Thos Huggins Esq. W^h Nominated
- Edward Maynard Esquire Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill to amend the Act No 1 of 1845 to impose a tax upon land
Whereupon the House resolved itself into

No meeting held on the 10th February.
House stands adjourned to 27th February.

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into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

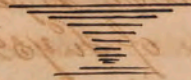
The Bill was read Clause by Clause in Committee

Mr Edward Maynard moved, and was seconded, that the Committee do rise and the House resume.

Whereupon the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with some amendments

On motion by the President, and seconded, the Bill was read the third time and passed

The House then adjourned sine die



Assembly Room

Thursday

March 30th 1846

present

His Honor Thomas Jarvis	President
The Honble R H A Dyett Esq	Nominated
Mordant Pemberton Esq	do
Edward Maynard Esq	Elective
George W Daniell Esquire	do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill for imposing a Stamp Duty

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion by the President, and seconded, read a first time by title

Joseph Maynard Esquire took his seat.

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to ~~introduce~~ ~~a~~ Bill to impose a

a tax upon all Dwelling Houses and other Buildings in this Presidency

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion by the President, and seconded, read a first time by title, and ordered that Members be served with Copies previous to its being called for second reading

On motion made, and seconded, the Orders of the Day were taken up

Pursuant to a notice filed therein, given by Mr Edward ~~Massard~~ John Huggins on the 14th January last, The President laid a Statement of the monies expended on account of the Coolie Immigrants introduced into this Presidency, up to the 31st December 1875, which shewed an expenditure of £4524.12.6^{1/2}

On motion by the President, and seconded, a Notice of motion given by Mr Thomas E Archbald on the 25th January last, "to move at next meeting that the amount for Public Printing be struck out of the Estimates," was struck out of the Orders of the Day

Mr Pemberton gave notice to introduce at next meeting a Bill to amend the Road Act

The President moved and was seconded that the House do adjourn to the 18th proximo

To which motion Mr Pemberton moved as amendment that the House do ~~do~~ adjourn to the 6th proximo

The House divided on the amendment, which was considered negatived, the votes being equal, as follows

For

For	Against
Mr Pemberton	The President
Mr E Maynard	Mr Dyett
Mr J Maynard &	Mr Danell &

The House was then adjourned to
the 13th April next

~~No meeting held on 13th a quorum not
having assembled. House stands adjourned
to 20th inst.~~

~~Assembly Room~~

~~Thursday~~

~~April 13th 1846~~

~~present~~

~~His Honor Thomas Jarvis President~~
~~The Honble R. H. A. Dyett Esqre Speaker, Permd.~~
~~Rev John Huggins Esqre Nominated~~
~~Mrs Pemberton Esqre Nominated~~
~~Joseph Maynard Esqre Nominated~~

~~Assembly Room~~

~~Thursday~~

~~April 20th 1846~~

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~~present~~

~~His Honor Thomas Jarvis President~~
~~The Honorable R. H. A. Dyett Esqre~~

~~No meeting of the Legislature was held
Thursday, a quorum of members not having
assembled in time. House stands adjourned
to 27th inst.~~

~~No meeting held on 27th, President having
informed members he was unable to meet
them as he was called away from the Island~~

Assembly Room
Thursday
April 13th 1846

present

- His Honor Thomas Jarvis President
- The Honble R. H. Dyett Esqre Nominated
- Peter Thomas Huggins Esqre M.D do
- Mordaunt Pemberton Esqre do
- Joseph Maynard Esqre do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the repairs of the Public Roads

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion made, and seconded, read a first time by title

The President moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time

The Motion was agreed to and the Bill read a second time by title

Mr Pemberton moved and was seconded that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Bill having been read Clause by Clause in Committee, on motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with some amendments, and on further motion by Mr Pemberton, and seconded by Mr Dyett, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill was read the third time and passed
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On motion made, and seconded,
the Orders of the Day were taken up.

The President moved, and was seconded
that the Bill for imposing a Stamp Duty
be read a second time by title

Bill read

The President moved, and was
seconded, that the House do go into
Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved
itself into a Committee of the whole on
the Bill

After sitting for some time, on
motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose
the House ~~the~~ resumed, and the
President reported progress and prayed
leave to sit again

The President moved, and was
seconded, that the Bill to impose a tax
upon all Dwelling Houses and other Buildings
in this Presidency be read a second time
by title

Motion agreed to, and Bill read
accordingly

Mr Joseph Maynard moved, and
was seconded, that the House do go into
Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved
itself into a Committee of the whole on
the Bill

On motion by Mr ~~Dyett~~ Pemberton
the Committee rose, the House resumed,
and the President reported progress, and
prayed leave to sit again

On motion by the President and
seconded the House adjourned to the
20th instant.

Assembly Room
Thursday
May 11th 1876
present

His Honour Thos James, President,
The Honble R. C. A. Dyett, Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esquire do
Mordant Pemberton Esquire do
Edward Maynard Esquire, Elective,
George W Daniell Esquire do
The Minutes of the 13th April
were read and confirmed

The President laid the Treasurer's
Account for March Quarter 1876 on
the Table

On motion made, and seconded,
the Orders of the day were taken up

Before the Orders of the day were
gone into, Mr Daniell drew the
attention of the House to the fact that
two vacancies had occurred in the Elective
Element of the House, in consequence of
Mr Thomas E Archbald, the late Member
for Saint Paul, and Mr Edward J
Huggins, the late Member for Saint
Thomas, having neglected to take their
seats for three months; and moved,
duly seconded by Mr Edward Maynard,
that His Honour the President do
issue Fresh Writs for the election of
Members to represent the parishes of
Saint Thomas and Saint Paul, in the
Legislative Assembly

The motion was unanimously
adopted

The consideration of the Orders of the
day was then postponed on motion made
and

April 24th 1876
No meeting of the Legislature was held
this day, President James having informed
Members he was unable to meet them, in
consequence of his having to leave the Island,
for Antigua, by mail for this date

April 20th 1876
No meeting of the Assembly was held
this day, a Quorum of Members not having
assembled in time. House stands adjourned
to 24th Inst, under 3rd Standing Rule

made and seconded

Thomas Lubard Esquire took his seat
The President informed the House
that his official connection with Nevis
would shortly terminate, as Roger
Truckfield Goldsworthy Esquire, C.M.D. had
been appointed Captain Campbell's Successor
as President of Nevis, and he was expected to
arrive by Mail of 17th instant

• The House then adjourned sine die

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Assembly Room
Thursday
June 1st 1846

present

His Honor R. S. Goldsworthy, C.M.D.	Resident
The Honble R. H. A. Dyett Esqre	Ex officio
Joseph Maynard Esquire	Nominated
Mrs. Aunt Pemberton Esquire	Nominated
Peter John Huggins Esquire	Nominated
Edward Maynard Esquire	Elective

The President informed the House
that the Provost Marshal having made due
return of the Election Writs issued for the
election of Members for Saint Paul and
Saint Thomas, Thomas Erskine Archbald
Esquire was returned as having been elected
to represent the parish of Saint Paul, and
Edward John Huggins Esquire to represent
the parish of Saint Thomas, in the Legislative
Assembly, and they, being in attendance, were duly
sworn, and took their seats.

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read

Mr Archbald referred to that part of the
Minutes respecting his election, and said
that

that he desired to place the following on the Records of the House, with respect thereto (Appendix A)

The Minutes were then confirmed
Thomas Hilind Esquire took his seat

The President informed the House that the Secretary of State had appointed Mr. J. W. Bell, as Medical Officer of District No 3, vice the late Doctor Moulcock

The President informed the House that he had received official intimation that a case of Small Pox had appeared in a small Village in Antigua, and that he had caused every effort to be used to prevent the disease being communicated

The President informed the House, that under the authority of the Health Act, the Board of Health had passed certain amended Sanitary Rules, and they had been approved by the Governor and Council

The President informed the House that he had ~~received~~^{obtained} the Governor's sanction to appoint a Committee to revise and codify the Laws of the Presidency, and that he had accordingly nominated the following gentlemen to compose the Committee

- His Honor The President
- The Honble H. S. Maynard
- The Honble N. H. A. Dyett
- Mordaunt Pemberton Esquire D.C.
- Thomas Hilind Esquire

On motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded, the Orders of the day were taken up

Pursuant thereto, and on motion by Mr Dyett and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to impose a Stamp Duty.

George W Daniell Esquire took his seat
On

On arriving at the 10th Clause of the Bill, Mr Dyett moved that the words "as well as in the usual manner of publication in this Presidency" be inserted after the words "Official Gazette of the Colony of the Leeward Islands"

To which Mr Archbald moved, as an amendment, that after the words "published in the Official Gazette of the Colony of the Leeward Islands" the words "and in the local Newspapers" be inserted

The Committee divided on the Amendment, which was lost, Members voting as follows

For Amend ^t	Against Amend ^t
Mr Ed Huggins	The President
Mr Archbald	Mr Dyett
Mr Liburd	Mr Pemberton
	Mr Jos Maynard
	Mr Coy Maynard
	Mr Hamill
	Dr Huggins 4

The words contained in Mr Dyett's motion were then written in the Clause

Mr Liburd moved that the whole of the 10th Clause be struck out of the Bill (Mr Dyett vacated his seat)

The President objected to the striking out of the Clause, and on the motion being put from the Chair, it was lost, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Hamill	The President
Mr Ed Huggins	Mr Pemberton
Mr Archbald	Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Liburd	Mr Ed. Maynard
	Dr Huggins 5
	The

The Clause was then passed
(Mr Ryett resumed his seat)

At the 16th Clause, the words "together with the additional penalty of five shillings" were struck out, on motion by Mr Daniell

In the 17th Clause, the words "if any" were inserted after the word "penalty"
(Mr Pemberton vacated his seat)

After the 18th Clause had been committed, Mr Archbald obtained leave to refer to the 20th Clause, and moved that the words "three days" be altered to "seven days"

The motion was agreed to, and the Clause altered accordingly

In the 21st Clause the words "five shillings" were altered to "one shilling", on motion by Mr Siburd

In the 22nd Clause the words "twenty four hours" were altered to "forty eight hours"; and the words "and no person shall be entitled at the hearing of such Appeal to be represented by Counsel" were struck out, by consent of the Committee

The Schedule to the Bill being now under consideration, Mr Siburd moved that the duty on "Bail and other Bonds of indemnity, ^{or} other Bonds not being for the payment of a specific sum of money," be set down at two shillings and six pence

Mr Ryett moved, as an amendment, that the duty be set down at five shillings

The Committee divided on the amendment, which was lost, Members voting as follows

For

For
The President
Mr Dyett

Against
Mr Jos. Maynard
Mr Ed. Maynard
Mr Daniell
Mr Ed. Huggins
Mr Archbald
Mr Siburd
Dr Huggins 4

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The duty was then put down at two shillings and six pence

On motion by Mr Dyett the duty on Charter Parties was put down at five shillings instead of two shillings

The duty on Conveyances or Assignments of Real Property was put down at ten shillings on every one hundred pounds of the purchase money, and two shillings and six pence on every additional twenty five pounds thereof, by consent of the Committee

Mr Siburd moved that the duty for filing papers in the Supreme Court be six pence instead of one shilling

Mr Dyett objected to the motion, which was then put, and carried, the Committee voting as follows

For
Mr Ed Maynard
Mr Ed Huggins
Mr Archbald
Mr Siburd
Dr Huggins 5

Against
The President
Mr Dyett
Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Daniell 14

The duty was altered to two shillings and six pence, accordingly

Mr Siburd moved that the duty on any Deed or instrument registered in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds the Courts of this Island not in the Schedule otherwise mentioned be put down

down at two shillings and six pence

Mr Daniell moved, as an amendment, that the duty be put at five shillings.

After some discussion, Mr Liburd withdrew his motion, and the duty was put at five shillings

The duty on fractional portions of rentals was put down at one shilling for every additional ten pounds on rentals exceeding two hundred pounds

Dr Huggins vacated his seat

The duty on Marriage Licenses was put down at one pound, instead of two pounds, by consent of the Committee

Mr Liburd moved that the duty on Probates of Wills be five shillings, instead of ten shillings

Mr Daniell objected to an alteration of the Clause duty

Mr Liburd subsequently withdrew his motion, and the item remained unaltered

On motion by Mr Dyett, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with several amendments

Mr Edward Maynard then moved, and was seconded, that the House do ~~go~~ again go into Committee on the Bill, for the purpose of considering a limitation Clause

Whereupon the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, and the following was added to the Bill as the 3rd and last Clause

"This Act shall continue in force for the period of three years from the date of its coming into operation"

Mr Dyett moved that the Committee do rise, the House resume, and the

the President report progress

Whereupon the House resumed,
and the President reported that the Bill
had been finally committed with further
amendments

The President obtained leave to
introduce a Bill to provide a pension for
Thomas William Archbald, Landing
Searcher and Writer.

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion
made, and seconded, read a first time.

The President moved the following
Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Dyett

Resolved that a sum of Seventeen
Pounds and ten shillings be granted for
the Service of the Nuis Infirmary, to be
applied to the payment of a male Nurse,
the payments to be made in monthly
instalments of Two pounds and ten
shillings

The Resolution was unopposed.

On motion by Mr Edward Maynard,
and seconded, the House adjourned to
the 8th instant

Assembly Room
Thursday
June 8th 1846

present

Mrs Honor A. Goldsworthy Esqre. Am. S. President	
The Honble A. R. P. Scholes, Actg. Atty. Genl. Ex officio	
Joseph Maynard Esqre.	Nominated
Mordant Pemberton Esqre.	Nominated
Edward Maynard Esqre.	Elective
George W. Daniell Esqre.	Elective

The Minutes of the 1st June were read

The Clerk explained to the House that he was unable to read Mr Archbald's Minute referred to in the Minutes as Appendix A, as Mr Archbald had promised to send him a fairly written Draft, but up to the time of reading the Minutes he had not received the same

The Minutes were then confirmed
The President moved, and was seconded by the Acting Attorney General, that the Bill imposing Stamp Duties be read a third time and passed.

Thomas Siburd Esquire
Thomas C. Archbald Esquire, and
Edward John Huggins Esquire took their seats while the Bill was being read

On motion by the President, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to impose a tax upon all Dwelling Houses and other Buildings in this Presidency

In the first Clause the words "resident within this Presidency" were inserted after the words "persons", and the

words

words "seven or less than five", after the words "exceeding" on motion by Mr. Sibbald

In the 2nd Clause the words of the Constables" were struck out and the words "Rural or Police Constable" were inserted in their place, on motion by Mr. Sibbald

In the 3rd Clause the words "twenty pounds" were altered to "ten pounds". After the words "warrant" the words "in the form in Schedule A to this Act annexed," were inserted, and the words "after the expiration of fourteen days from such levy" were struck out

In the 6th Clause after the words "publish" the words "by posting at the Court House in the usual manner" were inserted, and the rate of assessment was filled up at four pounds for every one hundred pounds of rental value *

Mr. Daniell moved ~~and was~~ that the following be inserted in the same Clause after the words "or any" in the latter part of the Clause

"House, warehouse, Storehouse or other tenement (not being a shop) situate on any Sugar Plantation or Estate, and occupied by the Owner or person in the actual superintendence of such Estate or his Manager or Overseer, or used in the manufacture of sugar. Also all Dwelling Houses under the annual rental of three pounds"

Mr. Auchbald moved as an amendment, that the words "three pounds" in the latter part of Mr. Daniell's motion be altered to "five pounds"

The Committee divided on the amendment

(* Edward J. Sugquis Esqre vacated his seat)

amendment, which was lost, Members voting
as follows

For	Against
Mr Auchtald	The President
Mr Hilund	The Actg. Atty. General
	Mr Pemberton
	Mr Jos Maynard
	Mr Ed. Maynard
2	Mr Daniell 6

The words contained in Mr Daniells motion
were then inserted in the Clause

In the 9th Clause the words "and
shall within the same time deposit with
the Treasurer the amount at which he shall
have been assessed" were inserted after the
words "such assessment"

In the 12th Clause the expenses of
the working of the Act were put down not
to exceed Seventy five pounds per annum

Mr Hilund moved that the following
do form the fourteenth Clause

"That the Assessors to be appointed
under the authority of this Act shall before
entering upon their respective duties therein
imposed take the following oath before the
President

"I, (A B) do solemnly swear that I
will well and truly execute the duties in
me vested as an Assessor of taxes under
the provisions of an Act to impose a tax
upon all Dwelling Houses and other
Buildings in this Presidency according
to the best of my power and ability, without
favour, partiality or affection. So help me
God"

The Clause was adopted by the
Committee

Mr Daniell moved that the
following

following do form the fifteenth Clause,
which was agreed to

"This Act shall be in force for the
space of three years from the publication
thereof"

On motion by Mr Lubin the
Committee rose, the House resumed, and
the President reported that the Bill had
passed the Committee with several
amendments

The Acting Attorney General
moved and was seconded by Mr Pemberton
that the Bill to provide a pension for Thomas
William Auchbald, Landing Waster, be
read a second time.

The Bill was read

On motion by the Acting Attorney
General, and seconded, the House
resolved itself into a Committee of the
whole on the Bill

Mr Lubin moved that the Bill
be not committed, that the House resume,
the President report and pray leave to sit
again

Whereupon the House resumed, and
the President reported accordingly and
prayed leave to sit again

Mr Edward Maynard, being seconded,
moved the following Resolution, which
was unopposed

Resolved that a Statement
setting forth the financial condition of the
Island on the 1st January and 1st June
respectively mentioning the loans for
which the Colony is liable, and the
necessary annual payments to liquidate
the same, be laid ~~on~~ before this House

The President moved the following
Resolution

Resolution, and was truly seconded

Resolved that the sum of Twenty one pounds and two shillings be paid to W. R. A. & W. Kimon for services rendered by him in inspecting and reporting upon the Public Buildings and Roads of this Presidency.

The Resolution was unopposed

On motion by the President and seconded, the House adjourned to the 15th instant



Assembly Room

Thursday

June 15th 1846

present

- His Honor R. S. Goldworthy, C. J. President
- The Honble H. R. P. Schotes, Actg Atty Genl ^{In Office}
- Joseph Maynard Esqre Nominated
- Mordaunt Pemberton Esqre Nominated
- Peter Thomas Huggins Esqre do
- Edward Maynard Esqre Elective
- Thomas Liburd Esqre do

The Minutes of the 8th instant were read and confirmed

(Thomas E. Archbald Esquire took his seat)

The President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had assented to the Stamp Duty Bill

On motion by the Acting Attorney General, and seconded, the Orders of the Day were taken up

Pursuant to a Resolution moved by Mr Edward ^{Maynard} at the last meeting, and adopted by the House, the President laid on the Table, "Memorandums setting forth the

the financial condition of the Presidency on 1st January and 1st June 1846, and of loans taken up by the Presidency of Peru with particulars in reference to them to 1st January 1846"

On motion by the Acting Attorney General, and seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, the House Tax Bill was read the third time and passed.

The President moved, and was seconded by the Acting Attorney General, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill to provide a pension for Thomas William Archbald, Landing Master

Mr Archbald opposed the motion and moved as an amendment, that the Bill do lie on the Table for six months

The Acting Attorney General objected to the amendment, alleging it was out of order for Mr Archbald to move it at the present stage of the Bill.

The President ruled that the amendment could not be put at the present stage of the Bill, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen on motion by Mr Joseph Maynard, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

Whereupon the Acting Attorney General moved, and was seconded by Mr Pemberton, that the Bill be read the third time and passed.

Mr Archbald opposed the motion for the third reading of the Bill, and moved as an amendment, that the Bill do lie on the Table for six months

The House divided on the amendment

amendment, which was lost, Members voting
as follows

For
Mr Archbald
Mr Lilard

Against
The President
The Acting Atty General
Mr Paulerton
Mr Jos: Maynard
Mr Cowd Maynard
Doctor Huggins 6

The original motion was then put
from the Chair, and passed in the
affirmative, Members voting as follows

For
The President
The Acting Atty General
Mr Paulerton
Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Cowd Maynard
Doctor Huggins 6

Against
Mr Archbald
Mr Lilard

The Bill was then read the third
time and passed

The President obtained leave to introduce
a Bill to impose a license upon boats

Which Bill, being ready, was, on
motion made, and seconded by the Acting
Attorney General, read a first time

The Acting Attorney General moved,
and was seconded by Dr Huggins that the
Rule of the House relating to the introduction
of Bills of the same nature twice in the
same Session, be suspended, to enable
him to re-introduce a Bill to impose an
Excise duty on Rum

Mr Archbald opposed the suspension
of the Rules

The Acting Attorney General withdrew
his motion after some debate on the
subject

On motion by Mr Archbold, and seconded by Mr Lubard, and ~~seconded~~ it was ordered that the Statements laid on the Table respecting the finances of the Presidency be printed and circulated amongst Members

The House then adjourned sine die, on motion by the President, and seconded

Assembly Room
Thursday
July 6th 1876

present

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| His Honour R. J. Goldsworthy, | CMG, President |
| The Honble R. H. A. Dyett | Nominated |
| Joseph Maynard Esquire | do |
| Peter Thos Huggins Esque | do |
| Mordaunt Pemberton Esque | do |
| Edward Maynard Esquire | Elective |
| George W Daniell Esque | do |
| Edward John Huggins Esque | do |
| Thomas C Archbold Esque | do |

The President informed the House that the Legislative Assembly having been prorogued to this day by the Governor, he had received a Proclamation from His Excellency for re-opening the Session, and that the proclamation had been duly made.

The President then read the Proclamation

The President informed the House that he had also received a Commission from the Governor appointing him President of the Legislative Assembly in the Governor's absence, which Commission was read to the House

The

The Treasurer gave notice of his intention to introduce a Bill to impose a tax upon Boats, at the next meeting

The President gave notice of his intention to introduce following Bills at next meeting, viz

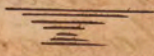
A Bill to impose an Excise duty on Rum and

A Bill to establish a Public Bonding Warehouse

M^r Edward Huggins gave notice of motions for next meeting, which were duly filed in the Orders of the Day Book

M^r Daniell gave notice of a motion for next meeting, which was also duly filed in the Orders of the day Book

An motion by M^r Pyett, and seconded by M^r Jos Maynard the House adjourned to the 10th Instant



Assembly Room
July 10th 1826
present

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| His Honor R. J. Gosworthy | Am ^d Renuat |
| Joseph Maynard Esqre | Nominated |
| Maidant Pemberton Esqre | do |
| Edward Maynard Esqre | Elective |
| George Webb Daniell Esqre | do |
| Edward John Huggins Esqre | do |
| Thomas E Archbald Esqre | do |
| Thomas Liburd Esqre | do |

The minutes of the 6th July were read and confirmed

In answer to notice given at the last meeting, M^r Edward John Huggins moved

moved, and was seconded, for a detailed Statement of all monies received and expended under the Immigration Act; also for information as to the further amount that this Presidency is liable for the importation of the Coolies.

M^r Huggins also moved, and was seconded for a detailed Account of the expenditure of the sum of £219.15.8 which appears in the Treasurer's Accounts under the heading of Crown Agents.

The President laid the two Accounts moved for by M^r Huggins on the Table Pursuant to notice given at the last meeting Mr Daniell asked the President whether a proper person has been appointed as Superintendent of Public Works.

The President replied that the Governor was unable to procure the services of a competent Engineer to fill the post at the salary of £200 as provided under the Road Act, and that he had consequently suggested to the Governor that the salary should be increased. But as the Roads in many places required immediate attention, and the Public Buildings some repairs, Mr Joseph Maynard had been appointed temporarily to fill the office, pending better and final arrangements.

The President informed the House that the Governor had assented to the House Tax Act, and the Act to provide a pension for Thomas W Archbold, Launderer and waiter.

On motion by the President, and seconded, the Act to impose a tax upon boats

boats was read a first time by title
 The Honourable H. A. F. Scholes,
 Acting Attorney General, took his seat
 The Bill to impose an Excise
 duty on rum was read a first time
 by title on motion by the President
 and seconded by the Acting Attorney
 General

On motion by the President
 and seconded by the Acting Attorney
 General the Bill to establish Customs
 Bonding Warehouses was read a first
 time by title

The President moved, and was
 seconded by the Acting Attorney General,
 that the Rules be suspended, and the
 Bill to impose an Excise Duty on rum
 be read a second time

Mr Filburn having objected to a
 suspension of the Rules the President
 withdrew his motion

Mr Archbald moved, and was
 seconded by Mr Huggins, that the
 accounts laid on the Table by the President
 in pursuance of Mr Huggins motion, be
 printed and circulated amongst Members

Mr Edward Maynard took objection
 to the motion, and on its being put from
 the Chair, it was lost Members voting
 as follows

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| For | Against |
| Mr Huggins | The President |
| Mr Archbald | The Acting Atty Genl |
| | Mr Pemberton |
| | Mr Jos Maynard |
| | Mr Daniell |
| | Mr Filburn |
| | Mr Edward Maynard |

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Jos Maynard that the Rules be suspended to allow the Bill to impose a tax upon Doats to be read a second time

The Bill was read a second time accordingly

Mr Edward Maynard obtained leave to lay a petition on the Table, and it having been ordered to be read, was as follows

(Appendix B)

The petition was ordered to lie on the Table on motion by Mr Cuckbald and seconded

On motion by the President and seconded by the Acting Attorney General, the House adjourned to the 17th inst.

(Appendix A)

To His Honor the President and Members of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New

The petition of the undersigned Merchants of the Presidency Respectfully sheweth

That your petitioners have heard with regret that at the meeting of the Legislature on the 6th instant leave was asked of the House by an Honorable Member to introduce a Bill at its next meeting for the purpose of establishing a Government Warehouse, wherein all imported goods wares and merchandize on which duty is not paid are to be deposited
Your petitioners therefore beg
most

respectfully to submit to your Honorable House that the passing of such a Measure would prove highly detrimental to the interests of your petitioners, inasmuch as some of them have expended large sums in the purchase and erection of extensive warehouses in which to bond their goods

That another expense which your petitioners have incurred is the effecting of Insurances on those Buildings and their contents, and they would feel it a great grievance after such an outlay for the protection of their property from fire, that the Capital they have vested in Commercial enterprizes in the Island should be exposed to ruthless ruin in an uninsured Government Warehouse in the event of the occurrence of such a catastrophe

That besides the infliction upon your petitioners of the pecuniary disadvantages already mentioned, their fresh breadstuffs will be laid open to general damage by their contiguity with the smallest quantity of vermined Flour, Meal, Rice, Peas &c, that may be bonded in the same Warehouse, such a circumstance they feel quite certain is beyond the possibility of occurrence under the present Warehouse System

Your petitioners have heard and verily believe that the Import Trade is the backbone of the revenue of this Presidency, and as such the Mercantile interests ^{generally} claim some consideration from the Legislature

Your petitioners therefore pray Your Honorable House to take into serious deliberation the depressed state of the Import Trade, the recent heavy imports

impressed on imported goods, the monetary stiffness prevailing in the Island, the additional out-lay which must accrue for Warehouse rent and portage, and the uselessness of the voided Buildings on which the House tax will have to be paid, and be graciously pleased in the exercise of your Legislative functions, to refrain from passing an Act whose operation would prove adverse to the Public in general, by enhancing the price of all the necessaries of ^{civilized} life, and to your petitions even more ~~than~~ than they have set forth in this their petition to your Honourable House

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray

(Sd) A. H. VanRimondt & Co
 Archer, Brothers & Co
 J. H. Hutton
 Robert Warren
 D. J. Mubett
 D. J. Blake

Assembly Room
 Monday
 July 17th 1846

present

His Honor R. V. Goldworthy QMD, President
 The Honble R. H. A. Dyett Nominated
 Peter Thomas Huggins Esqre M.D. do
 Joseph Maynard Esqre do
 Edward Maynard Esqre Elective
 Thomas C. Archbald Esqre do
 Thomas Liburno Esqre do
 Edward John Huggins Esqre do
 The

The Minutes of the 10th July were read and confirmed

The Orders of the Day were taken up

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded by Mr Siburd that the House do go into Committee on the Bill to impose a license upon boats and to regulate the carriage of passengers in them

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

At the second Clause Mr Dyett moved that the rate of tax be one shilling for every foot of keel

Mr Archbald moved as an amendment that the tax be four shillings for each boat

The Committee divided on the amendment which was lost, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Edward Huggins	The President
Mr Archbald	Mr Dyett
	Mr Jos Maynard
	Mr Edw Maynard
	Mr Siburd
2	Dr Huggins 6

The original motion ~~was~~ moved by Mr Dyett was then put, and passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows

For	Against
The President	Mr Ed Huggins
Mr Dyett	Mr Archbald
Mr Jos Maynard	
Mr Edw Maynard	
Mr Siburd	
Dr Huggins 6	2

The license was written in the Bill at one shilling for each and every foot of

of keel of every boat

Mr Archbold moved that the 6th Clause be struck out of the Bill

Mr Dyett objected to the motion

Which having been put from the Chair, was negatived, Members voting as follows

For
Mr Ed Huggins
Mr Archbold

Against
The President
Mr Dyett
Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Hilbard
Dr Huggins
Mr Ed Maynard

The Clause accordingly passed the Committee

Mr Archbold moved that the Bill be limited to one years duration

Mr Dyett moved as an amendment that the Bill be limited to three years duration

The Committee divided on the amendment which passed in the affirmative Members voting as follows

For
The President
Mr Dyett
Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Ed Maynard
Mr Hilbard
Dr Huggins 6

Against
Mr Ed Huggins
Mr Archbold

A clause limiting the Bill to three years duration passed the Committee accordingly

On motion by Mr Dyett, a Clause citing the Bill as the Boat License Act 1876 was added to the Bill and passed the Committee

On

On further motion by Mr Dyett, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee of the House with several amendments

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded, by Mr Jos Maynard that the Bill to establish Customs Bonding Warehouses be read a second time

Mr Archbald made objection to the second reading of the Bill

Mr Dyett subsequently withdrew his motion

Mr Dyett obtained leave to introduce a Bill to impose an Excise Duty on Rum

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded, read a first time

Mr Huggins then moved, and was seconded, that the said Bill do lie on the Table for six months

The President opposed Mr Huggins motion

The House then divided on the motion which was lost, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr C. Huggins	The President
Mr Archbald	Mr Dyett
	Mr Jos Maynard
	Mr C. Maynard
	Mr Liburd
2	Mr Huggins 6

On motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded by Mr Huggins, the Bill to provide for the collection of an Excise Duty on Rum was read a second time by title

On motion by Mr Dyett and seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, the Bill to impose

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impose an Excise Duty on Rum was
read a second time by title

The House then adjourned to the
24th Instant on motion by Mr Dyett
and seconded

Assembly Room

Monday

July 24th 1876

present

His Honor R. J. Goldsworthy, C.M.B. President
Mordaunt Pemberton Esquire Nominated
George Webb Daniell Esquire Elective
Edward Maynard Esquire do
Thomas Liburd Esquire do

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed

The Honble R. J. Dyett took
his seat while the minutes were being read

The Orders of the Day were taken up

On motion by Mr Daniell and
seconded by Mr Liburd, the House
resolved itself into a Committee of the
whole for the further consideration of
the Bill to impose a license upon boats,
and to regulate the carriage of passengers
in them

The Bill having been further
committed on motion by Mr Dyett
and seconded, the Committee rose, the
House resumed, and the President
reported that the Bill had been re-
committed with further amendments

Mr Dyett then moved and was
seconded by Mr Daniell that the Bill be
read the third time and passed

Which

Which motion being agreed to, the Bill was read the third time and passed accordingly.

The Bill to establish a Customs Bondrug Warehouse was read a second time by title, on motion by Mr Dyett, seconded by Mr Liburd

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded by Mr Liburd, that the Rules be suspended, to allow the House to go into Committee on the said Bill

Whereupon the Rules were suspended, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

1 Peter Thomas Huggins Esquire took his seat

Joseph Maynard Esquire took his seat,

The Bill having passed the Committee, on motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose, the House resumed and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with amendments

Whereupon it was ordered that said Bill do stand for third reading at next meeting

On motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to impose an Excise Duty on Rum

On further motion by Mr Dyett, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported progress, and prayed leave to sit again

On motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to provide for the collection of an Excise duty on Rum

On further motion by Mr Dyett, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the

The President reported progress, and prayed leave to sit again

The House then adjourned to the 31st instant, on motion by Mr Hibbard and duly seconded

Assembly Room
Monday
July 31st 1876

present

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| His Honor R J Goldsworthy | ONG President |
| The Honble R H A Dyett | Nominated |
| Joseph Maynard Esquire | do |
| Peter Thomas Huggins Esquire | do |
| Howard Maynard Esquire | Elective |
| George Wille Daniell Esquire | do |

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President laid the Treasurer's account for June Quarter 1876 on the table

The President moved the following Resolution and was seconded by Mr Joseph Maynard

Resolved that a Sum of £19.15.0 be granted on account of Rents for the current year, to be expended as follows

To pay rent of Police Station at
Mortons Bay from 26th May to 31st Dec:
at £10 per annum £ 6.9.6

Indian Castle, from 1st June
to 31st December at £12 p Annum 6.5.6

£ 12.15.0

The

The Resolution passed unanimously
The President moved the following
Resolution, and was seconded by Mr
Joseph Maynard

Resolved that a sum of £ 25⁰⁰ be
granted to the Service of this Presidency to
be applied to Works and Buildings, and to
be used for the repair of the general Works
of the Island

The Resolution passed unanimously
Thomas Hilind Esquire took his seat.

Mr Daniell gave notice of a motion
for next meeting, which was duly filed
on the Orders of the day

Mr Hilind obtained leave to introduce
a Bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act
to prevent unqualified persons from
carrying Arms

Which Bill, being ready, was on
motion by Mr Hilind, and seconded by Mr
Daniell, read a first time.

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded,
that the Bill to establish Customs Bonding
Warehouses, be read the third time and passed.

Which motion was agreed to, and
the Bill was read the third time and
passed accordingly

On motion by Mr Dyett, and
seconded by Mr Joseph Maynard, the House
resolved itself into a Committee of the whole
on the Bill to impose an Excise Duty on Rum

Thomas & Archbald Esquire, and
Edward John Huggins Esquire took their seats

Mr Edward Huggins moved and
was seconded, that the following be inserted
in the Bill as an additional clause

That no person retailing rum sold
under the provisions of this Act shall be
of

of less strength than proof according to
Lykes Hydrometer

The President opposed the motion
which was lost, Members voting as follows

For McCord Suggins McCubald	Against The President Mr Dyett Mr Jos Maynard Mr Edward Maynard Mr Daniell Mr Liburd & Dr Suggins 2
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Mr Liburd moved that the penalty
in the third clause for disposing of rum
contrary to the provisions of the Act, be
not to exceed ten pounds

(Mordant Pemberton Squire
his seat)

The President moved as an amend-
ment to the motion that the penalty be
not to exceed twenty pounds

The Committee divided on the
amendment which was lost, Members
voting as follows

For The President Mr Dyett Dr Suggins	Against Mr Pemberton Mr Ed Maynard Mr Daniell Mr Ed. Suggins Mr Archbald Mr Liburd 6
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The penalty was accordingly
fixed not to exceed ten pounds

Mr Archbald moved that the
Bill be limited to two years duration

The President moved, as an amend-
ment, that the Bill be limited to three
years duration

The

The Committee divided on the amendment which was carried, Members voting as follows

For
The President
Mr Dyett
Mr Pemberton
Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Ed. Maynard
Mr Daniell
Dr Huggins

Against
Mr Edward Huggins
Mr Archbold
Mr Liburd

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A clause was accordingly inserted in the Bill limiting it to three years.

On motion by Mr Dyett, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with amendments

(Mr Pemberton vacated his seat)

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded that the House do go into Committee on the Bill to provide for the collection of an Excise Duty on rum

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

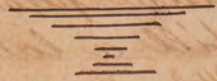
After sitting for some time, on motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported progress, and prayed leave to sit again

Mr Archbold gave notice that he would ask the Government for certain information at next meeting, which notice was duly entered on the Orders of the Day Book

Mr Edward Huggins gave notice of a motion for next meeting, respecting the repair of the Public Roads; also notice to ask for certain information respecting Immigration which Notices were duly entered in the Order of the Day Book

On motion by the President, and seconded

seconded by Mr Huggins, the House
adjourned to the 2nd of August next



Assembly Room
Monday
August 2nd 1846

	present	
His Honor R. C. Goldworthy	Qu. & Present	
Mr Goble	R. H. A. Dyett	Nominated
Joseph Maynard	Esquire	Do
Peter Thos Huggins	Esquire, M.P.	Do
Edward Maynard	Esquire	Elective
George W. Hauvell	Esquire	Do
Thomas Siburd	Esquire	Do

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed on motion
July made and seconded

The Orders of the Day were taken up

Pursuant to notice previously
given, Mr Hauvell moved the following
resolution, and was seconded by Mr
Joseph Maynard

Whereas it is understood that
the neighbouring Island of Montserrat
has derived great advantage from the
Government being under the immediate
control of the Crown: Resolved, that His
Honour the President be requested to
lay before this House, a statement of
the provisions of such Constitution

The Resolution was unopposed
On motion by Mr Dyett, and
seconded by Mr Jos Maynard, the
Bill was to impose an Excise Duty
on

on rum was read the third time

Mr Liburd moved, and was seconded that the final passing of the Bill be deferred till a later period of the Day

Which motion was agreed to

On motion by Mr Kyett, and seconded, the House resumed Committee on the Bill to provide for the collection of an Excise Duty on Rum

After sitting for some time, on motion by Mr De Maynard, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with several amendments

The President obtained leave to introduce an amended Bill to impose a license upon boats and to regulate the carriage of passengers in the

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion by the President, and seconded by Mr Liburd, read a first time

The President then moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time

The President moved, and was seconded, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

After the Bill had been gone through in Committee, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

And on motion by the President duly

duly seconded, the Bill was read
the third time and passed

The House then adjourned to the
14th instant, on motion by the
President and duly seconded

Assembly Room
Monday
August 14th 1876

Present

His Honor R. J. Goldworthy C.M.G.	President
Joseph Maynard Esquire	Nominated
Edward Maynard Esquire	Elective
George Webb Danell Esquire	do
Thomas Liburd Esquire	do

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed on motion by the President
and seconded

M^r Danell moved the following
Resolution, and was duly seconded

Resolved that His Honor the President
be requested to direct the Treasurer to furnish for
the information of this House a Return from
the 1st January 1870 to 31st December 1875
of all monies expended on Roads and
Bridges in the Parishes of Saint James and
Saint George with a Return of monies paid
into the Treasury for the same periods from
those parishes respectively

The President laid on the Table the
"Montserrat Constitution Act" in terms of
M^r Danell's Resolution respecting Crown Colony
system of Government, moved at the last
meeting

The President moved the following Resolution and was seconded by Mr Joseph Maynauds

Resolved that the sum of £50 be granted to the Service of the current year to be applied to the payment of the passage from England of such person as the Secretary of State may appoint as Superintendent of Public Works for this Presidency

Thomas E. Archbald Esquire took his seat

On motion by the President seconded by Mr Libuids, the House resumed Committee on the Bill to provide for the collection of an Excise duty on rum

R. H. A. Dyett Esquire took his seat

The Committee having risen on motion by Mr Dyett, the House resumed and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with sundry amendments

and on motion by the President, duly seconded, the Bill was read the third time

On further motion by Mr Dyett, seconded by Mr Dawell, the Bill to impose an Excise duty on Rum, and the Bill to provide for the collection of the Excise duty on Rum, were passed into law

Mr Dyett obtained leave to introduce a Bill to impose an additional duty on Whiskey

Which Bill, being ready, was on motion by Mr Dyett, duly seconded, read a first time

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Libuids that the Rules be suspended to allow the Bill to have a second reading

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill read a second time

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Liburdy that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen on motion of Mr Dyett the House resumed and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

The President laid on the Table the returns called for by Mr Archbalds on the 31st July last, respecting Butts and Deablis and Emigration

Mr Liburdy moved that the Bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to prevent unqualified persons from carrying Arms, be read a second time

Mr Liburdy subsequently withdrew his motion

The Bill to impose an additional duty on Whiskey was read the third time and passed, on motion by Mr Dyett, duly seconded

Mr Pauell moved, seconded by the President that the Montserrat Constitution Act laid on the Table by the President, at an early stage of the meeting, be printed and supplied to members who required Copies

Mr Liburdy opposed Mr Pauells motion

Which on being put from the Chair was carried Members voting as follows:-

For
The President
Mr Jos: Maynaide
Mr E. Maynaide
Mr Pauell
Mr Huggins

Against
Mr Archbalds
Mr Liburdy

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The House then adjourned sine die, on motion by Mr Pyett, duly seconded

Assembly Room
Monday
October 30th 1876

Present

His Honor R. J. Goldsworthy C.M.G.	President
The Hon R. H. A. Pyett	Ex Officio
Horadant Pemberton Esquire	Nominated
Edwardo Maynards Esquire	Elective
Thomas Libudo Esquire	do

The President informed the House that the Governor had been pleased to appoint the Honourable Henry Swarston Maynards to be a nominated member of the Legislative Assembly in the room of Peter Thomas Huggins Esqre, resigned.

Mr Maynards being in attendance the several oaths taken by him, and he took his seat at the Assembly

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion by the President, duly seconded

The President laid the Treasurers account of Revenue and Expenditure for September Quarter on the Table

Thomas E. Archbald Esquire took his seat

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to demonetize Silver Dollars Which Bill, being ready was on motion by the President seconded by Mr Pyett read a first time by title

The President moved and was seconded

that the Rules of the House be suspended so far, as to enable the Bill to be read a second time

Which motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time

Edward John Huggins Esquire took his seat

On motion by the President, seconded by Mr Dyett, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

Mr Archbald moved that after the last word "tudei" in the first clause, the words "fifteen days" be added

Mr Dyett objected to the proposed amendment to the clause

The amendment was then put to the vote, and was lost, the Committee voting as follows

For
Mr Edw: Huggins
Mr Archbald

Against—
The President—
Mr Dyett
Mr Pemberton
Mr Ed Waynards
Mr Libardo
Mr Henry Waynards 6

On Motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose, the House resumed and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with a slight amendment—

The President laid the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1877 on the Table and on motion by the President seconded by Mr Dyett, they were read a first time by title

The President notified his intention to introduce at the next meeting, a Bill to provide a pension for Benjamin Mills

The President informed the House that he had caused the Market in Charleston to

be removed from its former site to certain premises known as Frederick Huggins' premises and that he would ask the House at next meeting for a small amount to defray the cost of same.

On motion by Mr Pyett, duly seconded by the Bill to demurage, Silver Dollars was read the third time and passed into law.

The House then adjourned to the 8th instant on motion by Mr Pyett duly seconded.

Assembly Room
Wednesday
November 8th 1876

Present—

His Honor R. J. Goldsworthy C.M.G. President—
The Honble R. H. A. Pyett Esquire
Joseph Maynaid Esquire
Wardant Pemberton Esquire
Edward Maynaid Esquire
George W. Paull Esquire
Thomas Sibund Esquire

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion by Mr Sibund seconded by Mr Pyett.

Wardant Pemberton Esquire took his seat while the minutes were being read.

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Sibund that the Estimates for 1877 be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to and the Estimates read a second time.

On motion by the President and seconded by Mr Pyett, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the

Estimates

The Honourable Henry Swanston
Maynaid took his seat

On arriving at the sum of £500 for
a Superintendent of Public Works, Mr Liburd
moved and was seconded by Mr Daniell that
the sum be altered to £235 the sum established
by law as a Salary for that Officer

The President opposed Mr Liburd's
motion which on being put from the chair, was
lost, the Committee voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Ed Maynaid	The President
Mr Daniell	Mr Pemberton
Mr Liburd	Mr Dyett
	Mr Jos: Waynaid
	Mr Henry Maynaid
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The Committee then passed the sum
of Three hundred pounds originally set down

The Committee having risen on
motion of Mr Dyett the House resumed
and the President reported that the Estimates
had passed the Committee with sundry
amendments

Mr Dyett obtained leave to
introduce a Bill to provide for the service of
the island for the Year 1877

Which Bill, being ready, was on
motion by Mr Dyett seconded by Mr
Liburd read a first time by title

On motion by Mr Dyett and
duly seconded, the said Bill was read a second
time the Standing Rules having been previously
suspended by consent of the house

Mr Dyett obtained leave to introduce
a Bill to provide a pension for Benjamin Mills
Which Bill, being ready, was on motion

by Mr Pyett, duly seconded, read a first time
Mr Pyett moved and was seconded
that the Rules be suspended, so as to enable the Bill
to have its second reading

Which motion having been agreed to the
Bill was read a second time accordingly

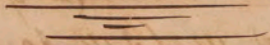
On further motion by Mr Pyett the
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole
on the Bill

The Committee having risen on motion
by Mr Pyett the House resumed and the
President reported that the Bill had passed the
Committee without amendment

Mr Linds brought it to the attention
of the House that the 9th inst would be a
day of Special Services by the several religious
denominations and asked the President to afford
the Public Officers the opportunity of attending
divine Service by directing the Public Offices
to be closed during the hours of Service

At the desire of the House the
President stated he would direct the several offices
to be closed until one o'clock P. M.

On motion duly made and
seconded the House adjourned to the 10th inst.



c Assembly Room

Friday

November 4th 1876

present-

His Honor R. T. Goldsworthy	C. M. G. President
The Honble R. W. A. Dyett Esq.	Ex Officio
Joseph Waynard Esq.	Nominated
Thomas E. Archbald Esq.	Elective
Thomas Libunde Esq.	Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion by the President, duly seconded

The Honourable Henry J. Maynard and Edward Maynard Esquire took their seats while the minutes were being read

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Dyett, that the Estimates for 1877 be read the third time

Mr Archbald moved, as an amendment, that the House do again go into Committee on the Estimates, for the purpose of reconsidering them

Mr Archbald's amendment not being seconded, ~~and~~

The Estimates were read the third time in terms of the President's motion

Mordaunt Pemberton Esq took his seat while the Estimates were being read

On motion by the President seconded by Mr Dyett the Estimates were finally passed

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Jos Waynard, that the House do go into Committee on the Appropriation Bill for 1877

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen on motion by Mr Jos Waynard, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

And on motion by the President, seconded by Mr Dyett, the Bill was read the third time

On further motion by the President, and seconded by Mr Jos Maynard, the Bill was finally passed

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Jos Maynard, that the Bill to provide a pension for Benjamin Mills, be read the third time

The Bill was read the third time accordingly

And on further motion by the President and seconded by Mr Jos Maynard the Bill was finally passed

The House then rose sine die

Assembly Room

Thursday

December 14th 1876

present

Honour R. T. Goldworthy C. M. P.	President
The Honble R. H. A. Dyett	Ex Officio
The Honble H. J. Maynard	Nominated
Jos Maynard Esq	do
Edwards Maynard Esq	Elector
E. J. Huggins Esq	do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion by the President and seconded by Mr Jos Maynard

The President informed the House that on the invitation of the Governor, he intended to proceed to Ansigua by Mail of 17th instant; and that the Governor had transmitted a Commission appointing The Honble R. H. A. Dyett to act as President during his absence

Mr Dyett gave notice of his intention to introduce following Bills at next meeting

"An Act to impose an additional duty of twenty five per cent upon the duties payable on Imports into and Exports from the Island of Nevis of Goods Wares and Merchandize, and to impose an additional twenty five per cent on the sum now paid for Rum and Liquor Licences"

"An Act to continue the Act No 3 of 1876 entitled "An Act to impose an additional duty of twenty five per cent upon the duties payable on Imports into the Island of Nevis of Goods Wares and Merchandize"

Mr Edward Maynard advised to the House Tax, and said that it had come to his knowledge that in many instances persons who were exceedingly poor, and at the receipt of Public Charity were called upon to pay the Tax on the small House they happened to possess, and he thought in that case some means ought to be devised by which they would be exempt from paying the Tax

Mr Pyett replied that the House Tax Commissioners had no power to exempt houses or remit taxes, but that he was of opinion that that the Governor had, in which case those persons who could not pay their taxes ought to petition the Governor to have them remitted

After some observations from other members, the House expressed the opinion that Legislative provision should be made to meet the case

Mr Edward Luggus gave notice of motions for next meeting, which were duly filed in the orders of the Day Book

The House adjourned to the 12th instandy

Assembly Room
Friday
December 15th 1876

No meeting was held this day, a quorum of members not having assembled

Assembly Room
Thursday
December 21st 1876

Present

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| Hon ^{ble} Honor R. H. A. Dyett | Acting President |
| Joseph Maynard Esquire | Nominated |
| Worshipful Pemberton Esquire | D ^o . |
| Edward Maynard Esquire | Elective |
| Thos. Leburd Esquire | D ^o . |

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 1876 were read and confirmed, on motion by the Acting President, and duly seconded

The Acting President obtained leave to introduce and read a first time, "A Bill to impose an additional Duty of 25% upon the duties payable on Imports into, and Exports from the Island of Nevis, of Goods Wares and Merchandise and to impose an additional 25% on the sum now paid for Rum and Liquor Licenses

The Acting President moved and was seconded by Mr Jos Maynard that the Rules of the House be suspended and the Bill be read a second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was accordingly read a second time

On motion by the Acting President, and seconded by Mr Joseph Maynard, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen, on motion by Mr Edward Maynard, the Acting President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment

The Acting President then moved, and was

seconded by Mr Joseph Maynard, that the Rules of the House be further suspended, and the Bill be read the third time

Which motion being agreed to, the Bill was read the third time and on further motion by the Acting President, duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed

The Acting President obtained leave to introduce and read a first time, A Bill to continue the Act No 3 of 1876 entitled "An Act to impose an additional duty of 25% upon the duties payable on Imports into the Island of New Goods Wares and Merchandise"

The Acting President moved and was seconded by Mr Gibard, that the Rules be suspended to allow the Bill to be read a second time

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time

On motion by the Acting President, and seconded by Mr Gibard, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen on motion by Mr Edward Maynard, the Acting President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment

The Acting President then moved, seconded by Mr Joseph Maynard, a further suspension of the Rules to enable the Bill to have its third reading

Which motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the third time

And on further motion by the Acting President, duly seconded the Bill finally passed the house

The House then adjourned sine die

Assembly Room
Monday
March 26th 1877

present	
His Honor J. Burns	Acting President
The Honourable R. F. Sheaffe	Attorney General
The Hon. H. V. Maynard	Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esquire	Do
Mordaunt Peuberton Esquire	Do
Edward Maynard Esquire	Elective
Thomas E. Archibald Esquire	Do

The Acting President informed the members that the Governor had prorogued the House to this day, with the view of laying several matters of importance before members

The arrival of His Excellency George Berkeley Esquire C. M. G. Governor having been announced, His Excellency entered the Assembly and delivered the following address to the House

Appendix "A".

The foregoing address having been concluded His Excellency withdrew-

The address was then read by the Clerk, on the order of the House

Mr Henry Maynard moved and was seconded by Mr Joseph Maynard that the Acting President do appoint a Committee to prepare a reply to the Governor's address

Whereupon the Acting President appointed Mr Henry V Maynard, Mr Mordaunt Peuberton and Mr Archibald to form such Committee

Mr Archibald proposed that the Attorney General be also appointed a member of the Committee

The Attorney General regretted his inability to serve on the Committee, as he was compelled to leave Nevis for Saint Kitts on Public duty, as soon as the House rose

The Attorney General obtained leave to

introduce a Bill to revive the Act No. 4 of 1876 entitled "An Act to impose a tax upon Horses and Mules, Carriages and other Vehicles"

The Attorney General then moved and was seconded, that the Bill be read a first time

Mr Edward Maynard objected to the Bill being read but withdrawing his objection subsequently, the motion for the first reading was agreed to, and the Bill was read the first time accordingly

The following Order passed by the Governor in Council, was submitted to the House by the Acting President, and was approved of by the House

Appendix "B"

On motion by Mr Archibald seconded by the Attorney General, the Standing Rules for the guidance of the Legislative Assembly passed on the 10th December 1874, were adopted as the Rules for the guidance of the present House and were as follows

Appendix "C"

Mr Archibald moved the following Resolution, and was duly seconded

Whereas by a Law recently passed by the Federal Council, the Court of Complaints has been virtually abolished. And whereas the Judge of that Court was the legal authority to whom claims were to be made by Freeholders to be inserted in the List of Voters, and no provision has been made in such Act or Acts for the substitution of a Registration Officer

Resolved that the Attorney General be requested to draw up a Bill to supply the want in the registration machinery of this Presidency caused by the repeal of a provision of Act No 97

The Attorney General stated that he would see that the object of the resolution was carried into effect, and the resolution passed unanimously

M^r Archibald gave the notices of motions for the next meeting, which were duly filed in the orders of the Day Book

On motion made duly seconded the House adjourned to Tuesday the 3rd proximo

Appendix "A"

Gentlemen of the Honourable
Legislative Assembly

When I had the honor to address you at the opening of the Legislative Session of 1876, my remarks were, of necessity, almost exclusively confined to a review of your financial position and to the obligation devolving upon you to impose additional taxation in augmentation of the revenue, which had proved inadequate to meet the current expenditure

An outstanding liability, amounting to £2348, had also to be provided for

2. On the present occasion I am happy to be able to notice a change decidedly for the better in the state of the local finances. The outstanding liabilities of £2348 have been reduced to about £400.- A highly important work also, the renovation of the Court House, has been commenced and a portion of the outlay thereon already met. Under the circumstances therefore, I am relieved from the disagreeable duty of asking you to make additional provision for the wants of the Presidency. Indeed should the Revenue fulfil present expectations, it is by no means improbable that at the end of the year a remission of some of the recently imposed taxes may be suggested, though the time for making such a proposition has not yet arrived.

3. Carefully prepared Returns of the Estimated and actual Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1876, the Cash Account of the Treasury

for the same period, a statement of present outstanding liabilities and of the Revenue received up to date in the present year will be laid before you.

You will also have the advantage of the presence of the Auditor General to afford any personal explanation that may be required in addition.

4 An erroneous statement having been industriously circulated as to the amount of the Public Debt of the Presidency, I think it right to place on record the real state of the case on this subject. The entire amount of such Debt at the present date, exclusive of the comparatively small sum due on current expenditure, as previously alluded to, is £ 3400. Two loans were originally contracted, one of £ 3000, solely on account of Immigration; and one of £ 2000 for general purposes. The instalments subsequently paid have however, reduced the original debt to the amount above notified.

5 I have received a petition numerously signed, protesting against the increased taxation recently adopted in this Presidency; Reference is made by the memorialists to a balance of no small amount standing to the credit of the Public some few years since. As a censure is evidently thereby implied on the conduct of the authorities, for neglecting to exercise due vigilance in the administration of the Public Funds, I considered it but my duty, in forwarding the Petition, as requested, to the Queen, to represent that, subsequently to the period named, exceptional expenditure has been met to a larger amount than the balance to which attention was called; amounting (in the case of Immigration alone) to upwards of £ 6000.

6 As it would seem, however, that special objection is taken in the Petition to the House tax, as pressing with undue weight upon the

lower classes and as the amount hitherto collected under this head has not realized expectations, I have no objection to the substitution of a tax of a different nature, say an Income and Trade tax combined, Should you be of opinion that the objections urged against the House tax are well founded

7. A bill for renewing the Act levying a duty on Vehicles and Horses, which has expired; - and one to regulate the Fees to be taken in the Registrar of Deeds office, will be laid before you. This latter measure has been postponed from time to time under a local misapprehension that the subject was one more properly pertaining to Federal Legislation

8. You will be asked to provide for certain expenses that have been incurred without Legislative Authority, - though the aggregate amount is small, there can be no doubt of the irregularity of the course adopted in this instance, It is however but fair that the gentleman about to assume the duties of President should be placed in a position to commence his career unfettered with questions affecting his relations with the Legislature

9. You will be pleased to learn that in a negotiation at present pending, as I believe, between H. M. Government and the Royal Mail Steam Company, for the transport of Federal Officers, it is contemplated to make this island a regular port of call for the Mail Steamers, I am, however, without any definite information on the subject as yet

10. The severe draught under which this Island is again suffering will, I fear, affect the quantity of sugar to be exported, on the other hand, the increased value of this article, as compared with recent prices will, it is to be hoped, prove a set off against the diminished production

11. The unsatisfactory state of some of the principal roads in the Island has been brought to my notice, Local circumstances render attention to the repairs of the Public thoroughfares a subject of the

greatest importance; - I will be prepared to entertain the suggestions contained in your reply to my address last year, for modifying the application of the Road Grant, provided the expenditure the expenditure be kept within the limits of the sum voted

The Report of the Inspector of schools for the last year will be laid before you. It is gratifying to perceive that an improvement has taken place in the character of the Schools in this Presidency

I cannot conclude without calling your special attention to the importance of the measures passed at the last meeting of the Federal Council, for the improvement of the administration of Justice in the Colony at large. In this Island at the present moment I am informed that there is not a single case in arrears, a most favourable contrast to the state of affairs in this respect only too recently existing. An easy and inexpensive method for the recovery of small debts has also been established, by assigning to the Police Magistrate jurisdiction in all cases when the amount involved does not exceed £5.

Queens House
26th March 1877

Geo. Buteley
Governor

Appendix B

Neris

Whereas by the fifth Section of an Act of the Presidency of Neris entitled "An Act for imposing Stamp Duties" it is provided that "it shall be the duty of the Public Treasurer to provide all such Stamps and Dues as may be directed by the Governor in Council for the purposes of this Act" And Whereas by the sixth Section of the said Act it is further provided that "the Stamps to be used

under the said Act shall be of one denomination but of different values, and shall be impressed or adhesive, as the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct" And Whereas proper Stamps and Dies for impressing Stamps have been lately duly procured by the Public Treasurer under the directions of the Governor in Council. And whereas it is expedient that the Postage Stamps of the said Presidency of Nevis being adhesive Stamps should also be available and used for the purposes of the said Act for imposing Stamp Duties, but that as a distinguishing mark such Postage Stamps should be marked or stamped with the word "Revenue" printed across the face of such Stamps. And whereas the Governor in Council is by the said Stamp Act authorized from time to time to make such regulations as may seem fit regarding the distribution, use, and application of Stamps.

Now Therefore His Excellency George Berkeley Esq. Governor of the Leeward Islands, by virtue of the power vested in him by the said Act, and by and with the advice of his Privy Council, is pleased to approve, and doth hereby approve and signify his Assent to the use of the said Stamps and Dies, and of the said Postage Stamps marked or stamped in the manner above mentioned, which are adhesive, for the purposes of the said Stamp Act; and doth direct the Treasurer of the said Presidency to issue and use the said Dies and Stamps, and also Postage Stamps marked or stamped as aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid until further directed by him the said Governor of the Leeward Islands in Council

Passed the Executive Council this
 twenty first day of March One
 thousand eight hundred and
 seventy seven

Charles Fiete
 Clerk

Appendix C

RULES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE NEVIS LEGISLATURE.

AS soon as a sufficient number of Members to form a House shall have assembled the Chair shall be taken, and the Clerk shall enter into the minutes the names of the Members present at the assembly of the House;—and in case any other Member shall take his seat subsequently, the Clerk shall enter the name of such Member in the proper place in the minutes.

2 After a House is formed, it shall not be adjourned except on the vote of the majority of the Members present.

3 The hour of meeting shall be 12 o'clock noon, unless some other hour shall have been appointed. In the event of a sufficient number of Members not attending within half an hour after the time appointed for their meeting, the House shall stand adjourned to the following Thursday, and from Thursday to Thursday until a quorum shall attend.

4 No Member shall leave the House, or a Committee of the House, but by the consent of the President or the Chairman of the Committee.

5 Before the House proceeds to any other business, the minutes of the last preceding Meeting, as taken by the Clerk, shall be read over by him; and shall consist of a detail of the proceedings.

6 If any Member shall be desirous of making any correction of the minutes, he shall propose such correction immediately after the minutes are read; and such correction shall be forthwith admitted or rejected by the House.

7 After the minutes shall have been read, and the corrections, if any, made, the question shall be forthwith put from the Chair, that the minutes of the preceding meeting be confirmed.

8 If any Member shall be desirous of putting any official question to any other Member, such question shall be in writing, and shall be put next after the confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, and not at any other period unless with the consent of the President and Members.

9 A book shall be kept by the Clerk, to be called "The Order of the Day Book." In such book shall be inserted a notice of all original propositions intended to be submitted to the House, in the order of priority of time at which the same shall be given.

10 All propositions shall come in and be submitted to the House in the order in which the same shall have been inserted in the order of the Day Book unless the House shall by a special vote alter their order.

11 All propositions shall be submitted to the House by way of motion, and every motion shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Clerk to the House. All motions submitted to the House except when the House is in Committee must be seconded.

12 Any Member shall be at liberty to propose an amendment to any proposition, provided that such amendment be not unconnected with the general object of the original proposition, the amendment shall be decided by the House previously to the question on the original proposition.

13 Every Bill shall be read three times previously to its being passed.

14 If the question for the second reading of the Bill shall pass in the affirmative, the Bill shall forthwith be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and shall be read therein clause by clause, and amendments therein proposed and decided on, and, after having thus passed the Committee, the Bill shall stand for a third reading.

15 If the question for the third reading of a Bill shall pass in the affirmative, a motion may immediately be made that the Bill do pass; and if such question be carried the President shall thereupon lay the same before the Governor for his approbation.

16 The House may upon the proposition of any Member, appoint a select Committee to enquire and report respecting any matter before the House, or for any other purpose which may be thought necessary for the information of the House in the proper discharge of its duties. The number of such Committee and the Members of which the same shall consist, shall in all cases be determined by the President,—the first named member to be Chairman—minutes of such Committee shall be kept and its reports signed by the Chairman.

17 The House may upon the motion of any Member, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of any matter which may be referred to such Committee; and of all Committees of the whole House the President or Presiding Member shall be Chairman.

18 In speaking of any proposition under consideration of the House, the following Rules are to be strictly observed. Every Member is to address his observations to the President or the Presiding Member, and he is to speak standing; he is not to be interrupted unless out of order: when he has finished his observations he is to resume his seat, and any other Member wishing to address the House will rise. If two Members rise at the same time, the President or Presiding Member will call on the Member who first catches his eye. Every Member must confine his observations to the subject under consideration. No Member shall impute improper motives to any other member—All personalities are to be avoided—no Member shall speak more than once on any proposition before the House except in Committee. The first speaker on any question may however reply after all the other Members present shall have had opportunity of making their observations, and before the motion is put, any Member of the House deviating from the Rules may immediately be called to order by the President or Presiding Member, or any other Member of the House; and if any dispute arises as to whether the Member is or not in order, that question shall be decided by the President or Presiding Member.

19 Every proposition once submitted to the House shall be disposed of before any other question is entertained, but this rule shall not be construed to extend to the exclusion of motions for amendments or motions for adjournments of the House, which may be made at any time, and which shall be immediately acted upon.

20 When the debate upon a motion shall be concluded, the House shall proceed to vote thereon, and the Clerk shall collect the votes by calling over the names of every Member present. And every Member shall upon his name being called over, give his vote in the distinct terms "For" or "Against the motion"; and having taken the votes, the Clerk shall declare the result, and note the same in the minutes, distinguishing the name and vote of each Member.

21 No communication to the House, except communications made by the Governor shall be received unless addressed in the form of a Petition or Memorial, and must be presented by some Member, who shall be responsible that the same is framed in respectful terms.

22 On the presentation of any Petition or Memorial, the Member presenting the same may without previous notice, move that the same be ordered to lie on the Table.

23 All papers laid before the House shall be deposited with the Clerk, who shall be responsible for the safe keeping thereof, and shall have all such papers ready to be produced before the House, such papers shall be at all times open to the inspection and perusal of any of the Members of the House.

24 That no Bill shall pass through more than one stage at any meeting of the House.

25 That every Bill shall be properly engrossed after it is committed, and before it be read the third time.

26 That no Bill of the same nature be introduced twice in the same Session:—Provided nevertheless that this Rule shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Bill returned by the Executive for reconsideration and amendment.

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Assembly Rooms
April 3rd 1877

Present		
His Honor P. Burns		Acting President
The Honourable Henry J. Maynard		Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esquire		Do
Edward Maynard Esquire		Elective
Thomas & Archibald Esquire		Do
Thomas Leung Esquire		Do
Edward John Huggins Esquire		Do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

George Webb Daniell Esquire took his seat while the minutes were being read

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a Reply to the Governor's Address, brought up the reply, which was as follows

Appendix A

On motion by Mr Daniell seconded by Mr Joseph Maynard, the reply was adopted by the House, and ordered to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor

Mr Wm D. Auchinleck, the Acting Treasurer having taken a seat at the table during the reading of the reply, after the same had been concluded the Acting President informed the House that the Governor had appointed Mr Auchinleck to sit as a member of the Legislature in the absence of the Attorney General, and that he had been duly sworn

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution, and was duly seconded by Mr Daniell - This House expresses its regrets that in consequence of the long prorogation of the Assembly, it was unable to acknowledge to Mr Goldworthy publicly the great benefit the Island has derived from his administration, as to him chiefly is to be attributed the manifest improvements of the Island, generally The Resolution passed unanimously

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution

Resolved; - Resolved before any Tax Act is passed, a Committee of the House be appointed to ascertain the exact financial condition of the Island and to make any suggestions with regard to Revenue and Expenditure they deem necessary

The Acting President stated that Returns giving the information sought in Mr Maynards resolution, had been laid before the House with the Governors Address at the last meeting, and if the Resolution were carried it would prevent the Bill to continue the Horses and Carriage Tax being proceeded with

After some slight discussion Mr Maynard withdrew his motion, but gave notice of his intention to move it at the next meeting

Mr Edward Maynard gave notice of his intension to put at next meeting, a question touching the Salary of the Revenue James Bovell which notice was duly filed in the orders of the Day Book

The Acting President moved and was seconded by Mr Archibald, that the Bill to revive the Act No 4 of 1876 entitled "An Act to impose a tax upon Horses and Cycles, Carriages and other Vehicles" be read a second time

Mr Tiburd opposed the second reading of the Bill, and on the motion being put, it passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows

For
The Acting President
Mr Archibald
Mr Jos Maynard
Mr Huggins
Mr Archibald
Mr H. S. Maynard 6

Against
Mr Edward Maynard
Mr Danell
Mr Tiburd

The Acting President moved the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Archibald that the sum of £100 be granted for the erection of the bridge at Jones Pond

The Resolution was agreed to

Mordant Pemberton Esquire took his seat

The Acting President moved the following Resolution and was seconded by Mr Archibald

Resolved that the further sum of £140 be granted for the services hereinafter mentioned

Works & Buildings

Light House	£ 50, 0, 0
Bridge at Kades Bay	140, 0, 0
Widening Pier	20, 0, 0
Gardens and other contingencies	£ 30, 0, 0
	£ 140, 0, 0

Mr Henry Maynard objected to the item for the erection of the Bridge at Kades Bay and moved that a sum only be voted to meet the expenditure actually incurred to the present time and that the erection of the Bridge be discontinued

The House acceded to Mr Maynards amendment, and the other items were duly passed

Pursuant to notice previously given Mr Archibald asked the Acting President the following question

Whether the gross neglect attributed to the Medical Officer of No 2 District to attend the sick of the labouring population of his District, and whether any deaths have been alleged to that cause or any Certificates setting forth such deaths in cases where the Medical Officer never saw the sick or examined the Body after death, have been brought to the notice of the Government, and what action has been taken, or is intended to be taken by the Government on the premises

The Acting President replied that from the Records of his Office he found that two

Complaints were made against that Officer to Mr Goldworthy, and that the Doctor having been called upon for explanations in both cases, they were furnished, and considered satisfactory by Mr Goldworthy, and in one case the Complaint was withdrawn.

Pursuant to notice previously given Mr Archibald asked the Acting President the following question

Whether the change of residence of the Medical Officer of No 2 District from a central locality at Newcastle to the very extreme end of his district in Charlesown has met the approbation of His Excellency the Governor, and if so, whether the Government considers such removal, in a district extending 12 or 13 miles in length, a greater guarantee of prompt attendance on the part of the Medical District Officer to the rural sick.

The Acting President replied that the removal of the Officer's residence from Newcastle to Charlesown was sanctioned by Mr Goldworthy, and approved by the Governor; when he assumed the duties of the Officer of No 3 District, who was away on leave, as Charlesown was a more central locality between the two Districts, and more convenient as a place of residence for the Doctor.

Mr Edward John Huggins gave notice of a question for next meeting, which was duly filed in the Orders of the Day Book.

On motion duly made and recorded the House adjourned to the 12th inst.

Appendix

Appendix A

To His Excellency George Berkeley Esq. C. M. G.
Governor of the Leeward Islands

We the members of the Legislative Assembly of Nevis beg respectfully to offer to you our best thanks for the courteous address with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature and for your congratulation on the improvement in our finances as well as the intimation of your Excellency that there is a probability that at the end of the year a remission of some of the recently imposed taxes may be suggested.

The commencement of the repairs of the Court Hall, as it is a most necessary work is also a subject of congratulation.

We are pleased to learn that Returns of the Estimated and Actual Revenue and Expenditure for 1876, together with the Cash Account of the Treasury for the same period, a Statement of present outstanding liabilities and of the Revenue received up to date in the present year, will be laid before us. We shall direct our best attention to the subject of the substitution of a tax of a different nature for the House tax, as well also the Bill for renewing the Act levying a duty on Vehicles and Horses, and that for regulating the fees to be taken in the Registrar of Deeds Office.

We observe that the House will be asked to provide for certain expenses that have been incurred without Legislative Authority, and on that subject we fully concur with Your Excellency's observation "that there can be no doubt of the irregularity of the course adopted in this matter" as we view with great misgiving all such aggressions upon the privileges of the House, unless upon the most clear and

impulsive necessity, we are however prepared to take the matter into calm dispassionate consideration

We are glad to find that Your Excellency's attention has been called to the very unsatisfactory state of some of the principal roads in the islands, and we trust that in future special attention may be paid to this important branch of the Public Service

We hear with great satisfaction that in a negotiation at present pending, as Your Excellency believes, between H. M. Government and the Royal Mail Steam Company for the transport of Federal Officers, it is contemplated to make this Island a regular port of call for the Mail Steamers

We shall be glad to receive the report of the Inspector of Schools for the last year, and particularly as it will shew an improvement in the character of the Schools in this Presidency

We trust the change in the law affecting the administration of Justice recently made by the Federal Council will prove beneficial, and we observe Your Excellency has been informed that there is not now a single case in arrears - If such be really the case, some improvement has certainly been effected as compared with recent condition

Dated 3rd April 1897.

W. S. Maynard
Col J. R. Archibald

Assembly Room
Thursday
April 12th 1874

present:

Hon ^r Honor Capt. A. E. Hoarelock	President
The Hon W. D. Aucklueck	Ex. Officio
Joseph Maynards Esquire	Nominated
Mordaunt Peuberton Esq.	do
Thos. Libuud Esq.	Elective

Hon^r Honor the President ~~having~~ informed the House that Her Majesty the Queen had appointed him President of the Islands, and that he had been duly sworn.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then read, and confirmed, on motion by the President seconded by Mr Libuud.

The Hon^rble Henry J Maynards and Edward Maynards Esq. took their seats while the Minutes were being read.

The Order of the Day being called, the President moved seconded by Mr H J Maynards that the House do go into Committee on the Bill to revive the Horse and Carriage tax act (No 4 of 1870)

Mr Edward Maynards objected to the House going into Committee on the Bill until his notice of motion filed at last meeting. "that before any tax act is passed, a Committee of this House be appointed to ascertain the exact financial condition of the Islands, and to make any suggestions with regard to Revenue and Expenditure they deem necessary," be first considered

The Hon W. D. Aucklueck took his seat.

After some discussion on the question whether the Bill or the Resolution should first be considered the House agreed that the Resolution, altered as follows, should first be disposed of.

"That a Committee of this House be appointed to ascertain the exact financial condition of the Islands, and to make any suggestions with regards to Revenue and Expenditure they deem necessary."

Which Resolution being put, was seconded by Mr. Leunde, and was duly carried.

Mr. Edwards Maynards then asked the ~~House~~ President the following question, notice of which was given at last meeting.

That the House be informed on what grounds half of the Revd. James Powell's stipend is withheld from him.

The President replied that by Act No. 1 of 1873 the Revd. James Powell is Rector of the Parishes of Saint John and Saint George, and that his stipend is by the same law fixed at £133. 6.8 per annum which sum he has regularly been paid.

The President resumed his motion for the committal of the Bill to revise the Horse and Carriage Tax Act, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

The Bill having been read, Mr. Leunde moved that the following be added to the first clause, as an amendment to the Bill.

"Subject to the following exceptions That no Carriages or other Vehicles not actually in use shall be paid upon, and that in the event of any such Carriage or other Vehicle being put into use, the same shall be paid upon at a proportionate rate for the remaining portion of the year: And further that no foals under the age of 12 months shall be liable to the tax hereinbefore imposed.

Mr. Henry Maynards objected to

The amendment, and on its being put was lost; the Committee voting as follows:-

For	Against
Mr. O. Maynaido	The President
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Auchmutch
Mr. Libuiddo 3	Mr. Pemberton
	Mr. Jos. Maynaido
	Mr. Henry Maynaido

On motion by Mr. Libuiddo, the following amendment to the Bill was adopted by the Committee:-

"Provided nevertheless that wherever the words April shall occur in the above recited Act, the words August shall be substituted therefor."

The Committee having risen on motion by Mr. Libuiddo, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with some amendments.

On motion by the President seconded by Mr. Libuiddo, the Bill was read the third time and on further motion by the President duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

Mr. Jos. Maynaido having brought to the notice of the House the necessity for cleaning out the Ponds at Fig tree, for the purpose of providing a receptacle for water for the use of the inhabitants.

On motion by the President seconded by Mr. Libuiddo, the sum of £15 was granted for cleaning out and enclosing the Ponds.

Mr. Libuiddo obtained leave to read the following petition, which having been read, was ordered to lie on the table:-

Appendix "A"

The House then adjourned sine die.

Appendix "A"

To His Honor the President and Members
of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly
of the Presidency of New

The Petition of the New Church Council
Humbly Sheweth

That in the year 1872 a
sum was voted by your Honourable House
for the repairs of the several churches and
the Rectory of Saint Paul in the said island
on the estimate of the Inspector of Public
Works.

That your Petitioners believing
that the estimate was fairly made and that
the sum voted by your Honourable House
was sufficient for such purpose commenced the
repairs of the same

That your Petitioners after
proceeding to some extent therewith found
that the sum was altogether inadequate for
the thorough repairs of the said properties
and were constrained to partially repair some
of them

That your Petitioners observed the
strictest economy in the repairs that have been
put and regret to state that they are now
indebted in the sum of £126.10/- in respect
thereof which they are utterly unable to liquidate

Your Petitioners therefore pray that
Your Honour and Honourable
House will take the circumstances
of the case into consideration and
grant the sum mentioned to enable
them to liquidate the outstanding debt.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will
ever pray

Dated the 12th day 3
of April A.D. 1873

(s) A. Fred Archer
Chairman & Treasurer of
New Anglican Church Council

Assembly Room
Thursday
May 10th 1877

present

His Honor Capt A. O. Havelock	President
The Hon R. W. A. Dyett Esq.	Nominated
" " W. P. Maynard Esq.	do
Mordaunt Pemberton Esq.	do
Edward Maynard Esq.	Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President informed the House that the Hon R W A Dyett had returned to the Presidency and would resume his seat in the House

The President informed the House that the Resolution adopted by the House on the 3rd April last, acknowledging the services rendered this Presidency by President Goldsworthy, had been forwarded to the Governor for transmission to Mr Goldsworthy.

The President informed the House that the Imperial Government had extended the grant for the maintenance of the Colonial Steamer Union for three years longer

The President informed the House that pursuant to the Resolution adopted at the last meeting, he had appointed the following gentlemen to compose a Committee to enquire into the financial condition of the Presidency, and to make any suggestions they may deem necessary with regard to Revenue and Expenditure viz:

The Honble the Treasurer
Edward Maynard Esq.
Thomas Liburd Esq.

(Joseph Maynard Esq. took his

seat

The President laid a statement showing the actual Revenue and Expenditure of the Presidency

for March Quarter 1877 on the Table.

(Thomas Archibald Esq. took his seat)

On motion by the President and seconded by Mr Jos. Maynard, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering that portion of the Governor's address to the House on the 20th March last, in which His Excellency expressed his willingness to consider any suggestions the House might offer in regard to a tax to be substituted for the House tax.

(Thos. Archibald Esq. took his seat)

Mr. Libundo moved the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr. Henry Maynard.

Resolved that a Bill be introduced to amend the House tax Act, by giving the Boards of Assessors the authority to remit the tax in all cases where it is proved to their satisfaction that the owners thereof are in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the same.

The Resolution passed the Committee Mr. Archibald alone dissenting.

On motion by Mr. Dyer the Committee rose, the House resumed and the President read the Resolution passed by the Committee and reported that the Committee advised the continuation of the House tax modified as expressed by the Resolution.

Mr. Archibald gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting that a Bill be introduced to repeal the House tax Act, No. 8 of 1876.

The President read certain correspondence between the Imperial Post Office authorities and this Government on the subject of a claim of £86.3.3. made by the General Post Office

against this Presidency, alleged to be due since 1877 on account of money orders drawn in Paris on the General Post Office; and moved that the said sum be granted for liquidating the claims.

The House expressed the opinion that before the sum be voted, an effort should first be made by the Government, to ascertain who was Postmaster at the time the discrepancy in the remittances arose, and to recover the amount from his surpluses.

The President withdrew his motion for the present.

Mr. Dyett gave notice of his intention to apply at the next meeting for a vote to cover the arrears of Expenditure of 1876.

The President gave notice of his intention to apply at a future meeting for a vote not exceeding £20 to complete the erection of the Bridge between Venau and Webber's works.

The President moved, seconded by Mr. Dyett, that the sum of £40 be granted as Salary of the Bailiff of the Magistrates Civil Court.

The Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Henry Maynards moved, seconded by Mr. Liburdy, that the further sum of £10 be granted as House Allowance, to the Bailiff of the Magistrates Civil Court.

The Resolution was agreed to.

The President gave notice to introduce following Bills at next meeting.

"A Bill to regulate the fees to be taken in the Registrar's Office"

"A Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1876"

Mr. Liburdy asked the President when it was likely the market would be removed from the present site.

The President replied that he was not in a position to reply thereon.

The House then adjourned
sine die.

Assembly Room
Thursday
May 31st 1877.

present

Hon ^r Honor	Capt. A. E. Havelock	President
The Hon ^r	R. H. A. Dyett	Ex Officio
Joseph Maynard Esq.		Nominated
Woodward Peabody Esq.		D ^r
Thomas Liburd Esq.		Elective

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President gave the following Notices for next meeting:-

To ask for a vote of $\$5$ to cover arrears of Salary for 1876 due to Mr. Eldridge as Quarantine Officer.

To ask for a vote of $\$20$ for payment of an iron safe purchased from Gov. J. G. Briggs in 1875.

To ask for a vote for $\$20$ rewards to Corporal Woodley for capturing William Robinson a fugitive from Justice.

To introduce a Bill to appoint a sworn Gauger and Weigher.

The Hon^r H. S. Maynard and Edward Maynard Esq. took their seats.

Mr. Dyett obtained leave to introduce a Bill to amend the House tax Act No. 8 of 1876, which Bill being ready was on motion by Mr. Dyett, duly recorded, read a first time.

On further motion by Mr. Dyett and seconded, the Standing Rules of the House were suspended, and the Bill was read a second time.

Mr Dyett obtained leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the service of the Presidency for the year 1870, which Bill being ready, was on motion by Mr Dyett, and seconded by Mr Joseph Maynards ~~read~~ read a first time by title.

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded by Mr Joseph Maynards, that the Standing Rules be suspended to allow the Bill to be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

On motion by Mr Dyett duly seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

The Committee having risen, on motion by Mr Dyett, duly seconded, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee.

Mr Dyett then moved and was seconded, that the Standing Rules be further suspended, to enable the Bill to have its third reading.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the third time.

On further motion by Mr Dyett duly seconded the Bill was finally passed.

Pursuant to Notice previously given the President introduced a Bill to make provision for the payment of fees for the registration of deeds, and on motion made by him, seconded by Mr Jos Maynards, the Bill was read a first time.

The President then moved and was seconded by Mr Jos. Maynards, that the Standing Rules be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

On motion by the President, duly

seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

On arriving at the Schedule of charges in the Bill, Mr Liburd moved that 1/- be charged instead of 1/6 for recording documents for every folio of 90 words

The President objected to the motion which, being put, was lost, the Committee voting as follows:

For	Against
Mr. Edw. Maynard	The President
Mr. Liburd	Mr. Dyett
Mr. Henry Maynard	Mr. Pemberton
3	Mr. Jos. Maynard 4

The charge remained at 1/6 per folio of 90 words

Mr. Liburd moved that the Committee do rise, the House resume, and the President report progress.

Mr. Jos. Maynard opposed Mr. Liburd's motion, which being put, was lost the Committee voting as follows:-

For	Against
Mr. Edw. Maynard	The President
Mr. Liburd	Mr. Dyett
Mr. Henry Maynard	Mr. Pemberton
3	Mr. Jos. Maynard 4

Mr. Liburd moved that 9^d be charged instead of 1/6, for making copies of Records for each folio of 90 words

Mr. Dyett opposed Mr. Liburd's motion, which, being put, was lost, the Committee voting as follows

For	Against
Mr. Edw. Maynard	The President
Mr. Liburd	Mr. Dyett
Mr. Henry Maynard	Mr. Pemberton
3	Mr. Jos. Maynard - 4

The Committee having considered the Bill. On motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment.

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded that the Standing Rules be suspended so enable the Bill to have its third reading.

Mr Liburdy opposed Mr Dyett's motion, which on being put, was carried. Members voting as follows

For	Against
The President	Mr Ed.
Mr Edward Maynard	Mr Liburdy
Mr Dyett	Mr Henry Maynard
Mr Jos. Maynard 4	3

The Bill was read the third time accordingly.

Mr Dyett then moved, and was seconded by Mr Jos. Maynard, that the Bill do finally pass.

Mr Liburdy opposed Mr Dyett's motion, which, on being put, was carried. Members voting as follows.

For	Against
The President	Mr Edw. Maynard
Mr Dyett	Mr Liburdy
Mr Peuberton	Mr Henry Maynard
Mr Jos. Maynard	

The Bill was then finally passed by the House.

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded by Mr Liburdy that the sum of \$602, 12.4 be granted to cover the amount of Expenditure due for 1876 and paid in 1877.

The Resolution was agreed to. The Committee appointed by the President in terms of Mr Edwards Maynard's

Resolution passed on the 12th April last "to enquire into the financial condition of the Presidency, and to make any suggestions in regards to revenue and expenditure they may deem necessary" brought up their Report which was as follows:-

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On motion by Mr Dyett duly seconded the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to amend the House tax Act No 8 of 1876

The Committee having risen on motion by Mr Dyett the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded by Mr Liburd that the Rules be suspended to enable the Bill to have its third reading

Which motion having been agreed to, the Bill was read the third time

On further motion by Mr Dyett duly seconded the Bill was finally passed

Mr Liburd gave notice of his intention to introduce at next meeting, a Bill to allow Drawbacks from the Treasury in certain cases

Mr Liburd moved the following Resolution and was seconded by Mr Edwards Maynard

Whereas in the opinion of this House the office of Police Magistrate should not be combined with that of President, as by such combination the President is debarred in a great measure from that supervision of the other departments which is to the advantage of the Islands that he should be able to bestow.

Resolved therefore that the Governor be respectfully solicited to introduce a Bill providing for the appointment of a Police Magistrate with a salary not exceeding £200.

The Resolution passed the House unanimously.

The House then rose sine die.

Assembly Room
Thursday
June 7th 1877.
Present.

His Honour Capt. A. E. Havelock	Pres.
The Hon. G. W. Dyett	Ex. Officio
" " H. S. Maynard	Nominated
Joseph Maynard Esquire	No.
Edward Maynard Esquire	Elective

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President informed the House that the Governour had been pleased to assent to the following Bills passed by the Assembly at the previous meeting.

A Bill to amend the House Tax Act No. 8 of 1876.

A Bill to make further provision for the Service of the Island for the Year 1876.

A Bill to make provision for the payment of fees for the Registration of Deeds.

The President informed the House that the sum of £430 which was voted in the Estimates for the reconstruction of the Court House had been exhausted and moved, seconded by Mr Dyett, that the sum of £50 be voted for continuing the work, until some subsequent meeting when he would be prepared to lay on the Table statements of what had already.

been expended, and what further sums would be required to complete the reconstruction of the Building.

Mr. Edward Maynard took objection to the sum of £50. being voted, then, alledging that the Elective Element of the House was not sufficiently represented.

Mr. Archbald took his seat while the Resolution was being discussed.

After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the sum of £35 be granted for the continuation of the work of reconstruction, until next meeting, when Statements of sums already expended, and further sums required would be laid on the Table.

On motion by the President duly seconded, the House resolved that the sum of £st. 3. 4. be voted to cover a reward offered for the capture of William Robinson, a fugitive from Justice and due on account of that service to Corporal Joseph Woodley of the Police Force.

On further motion by the President, duly seconded, the sum of £5. was granted for payment to Mr. Eldridge of arrears of Salary due him as Quarrantine Officer for 1876.

The President informed the House that he had transmitted to the Governour, the Resolution passed at the last meeting, respecting the separation of the Offices of President and Police Magistrate.

The House then adjourned to the 21st inst. on motion made by Mr. Dyett, and seconded by Mr. Joseph Maynard.

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Assembly Room

Thursday

June 21st 1877

Present

His Honour A. C. Havelock	President
The Hon. R. A. Dyett	Nominated
" Henry S. Maynard	No
Edward Maynard Esquire	Elective
Thomas Liburd Esquire	No.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President informed the House that sufficient Iron Stealing had been found on hand in the Government Store to cover the Windows and Doors of the Registrar's Office until Iron Windows and Doors could be procured.

The President submitted a claim for £4. 19. 4. made by Josiah Herbert of Fig Tree for damage done to his Cane and Walls by the Penal Gang whilst engaged in repairing the Roads in this locality in 1875. and on motion by the President, duly seconded, the sum was unanimously voted.

The President moved, and was seconded, that the sum of £50. be granted to supplement the vote taken in the Estimates for this Year for Printing and Stationery, and the sum was unanimously voted.

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr. Henry Maynard that the sum of £86. 3. 3. be granted to pay the arrears due by the Nexus Post Office to the General Post Office, London, on the Money Orders Account. The motion was agreed to.

and the sum voted.

The President, duly seconded moved the House into Committee to consider the Supplementary Estimates for completing the reconstruction of the Court House.

After sitting for some time the Committee rose, the House resumed and the President reported that the Estimates had passed the Committee.

And on motion by the President duly seconded, the sum of £243,16, 3. as shewn in the Estimates, was duly voted for the completion of the Court House.

Pursuant to notice previously given, Mr. Liburd moved, and was seconded by Mr. Henry Maynard that a Bill be introduced to allow drawbacks to be given from the Treasury in certain cases.

The President informed the House that in the Bill to Consolidate the Customs Acts and to amend the Tariff which was then under the consideration of the Government provision would be made to allow drawbacks from the Treasury in certain cases.

On this information Mr. Liburd would press his motion to the vote.

On motion by the President duly seconded the House adjourned sine die.

Legislative Assembly
Thursday
August 23rd 1877.

Present

His Honour A. C. Havelock	President
The Hon. R. H. A. Dyett	Ex Officio
The Hon. H. S. Maynard	Nominated
Edward Maynard Esquire	Elective
Thomas Lilford Esquire	do
Edward John Huggins Esquire	do
Thomas E. Archibald Esquire	do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion by Mr. Henry Maynard, duly seconded.

The President informed the House that His Excellency the Governour had been pleased to nominate Daniel Sharry Blake Esquire, to fill the seat recently rendered vacant by the demise of the late Joseph Maynard Esquire, and that Mr. Blake had already taken the oaths of allegiance, and Office.

Mr. Blake having been notified presented himself at the Table of the House and the Qualification oath having been administered and taken in the presence of the Assembly, Mr. Blake took his seat.

The President laid the following papers on the Table of the House.

Statements of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Presidency for the half year ending the 30th June 1877 and for the month of July 1877, and

An Estimate of the Cost of laying the second floor in the Court House.
George Webb Daniell Esquire took his seat.

The President informed the House that the sum of £60 for the completion of the Bridge at Gingerland had been placed on the Estimates for 1878.

On motion by the President and seconded by Mr. Edward Maynard the sum of £5.12.6 was voted to pay off arrears due to Messrs. Missin Parker and Arnold of London for Postal Stamps supplied.

The President submitted a claim made by the Presidency of St. Kitts for £18.16.7 for Nog Collars supplied Nevis in 1871.

Mr. Nyett having explained how the claim arose. On Motion by the President seconded by Mr. Liburd the sum was unanimously voted.

The President informed the House that the sum placed on the Estimates for this year, for paying premiums on Drafts remitting Post Office Moneys to England had been exhausted, and on Motion by him made, and seconded by Mr. Henry Maynard the sum of £25.0.0 was voted to supplement the original Grant.

The President submitted a claim for £3.11.0 made by Warwick Brown, for Services as Supernumerary Bailiff rendered to the late Provost Marshal in levying Land Tax Writs in 1876.

The claim having been considered on motion by the President seconded by Mr. Blake the sum was duly voted.

The President gave notice of his intention to introduce the following Bills at the next meeting: - viz.

Bills to amend the Acts Nos. 10. and 11. of 1876. and to repeal the House Tax Act No. 8. of 1876.

The President notified his intention to ~~introduce~~ lay the Draft Estimates for 1878 on the Table, at a future meeting of the House

Mr. Dyett obtained leave to introduce a Bill to consolidate the Customs Laws and impose duties on the importation of certain articles into this Island, and to provide for the collection thereof.

Which Bill being read, was on motion by Mr. Dyett, duly seconded read a first time by title.

Mr. Dyett obtained leave to introduce a Bill to impose duties on the exportation of certain articles from this Island, and to provide for the collection thereof.

Which Bill being ready, was on motion by Mr. Dyett, duly seconded read a first time by title.

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Boat Tax Act No. 13 of 1876.

Which Bill being ready, was on motion by the President, duly seconded read a first time by title.

On further motion by the President, seconded by Mr. Daniell, the Standing Rules of the House were suspended and the Bill was read a second time.

Mr. Dyett then moved, and was seconded that the House do move into Committee, on the Bill.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee, of the whole, on the Bill.

After sitting for a short time, the Committee rose and the House resumed, and on motion by Mr. Dyett, duly seconded

The President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with some amendments.

Mr. Dyett informed the House that in consequence of the disease then prevailing among the Cattle, Horses and other animals, the Board of Health had convened a meeting and passed certain Rules dated the 18th August 1877. with a view to the arrest and cure of the disease, and that the prevalence of the disease had been notified to the other Presidencies of the Colony.

The President informed the House that in consequence of the prevalence of the disease the exportation of Cattle &c. had been for the present forbidden.

Mr. Dyett obtained leave to introduce a Bill ~~to~~ Relating to contagious or infectious diseases among Cattle and other animals

Which Bill being ready, was on motion by Mr. Dyett, and seconded read a first time.

Mr. Dyett then moved and was seconded, that the Standing Rules be suspended to allow the Bill to be read a second time

The motion was agreed to and the Bill read a second time

Mr. Dyett moved and was seconded that the House do go into Committee on the Bill.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

The Bill having been considered, on motion by Mr. Dyett, the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the

President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with some amendments.

On motion by Mr Henry Maynard seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill was read the third time.

The President then moved, and was seconded that the Bill do finally pass.

Which motion was agreed to and the Bill was finally passed.

On motion by the President, duly seconded, the House again moved into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill to amend the Boat Tax Act.

While in Committee Mr Daniell moved that the Clause limiting the Bill to three Years be struck out of the Bill.

Mr Archbald opposed the motion and moved, as an amendment, that the clause do remain in the Bill, but that the duration be for two years instead of three years.

The Committee divided on the amendment which was carried. Members voting as follows.

For	Against
The President	Mr Dyett.
Mr E. Maynard	Mr Daniell
Mr Liburd	Mr H. Maynard.
Mr Huggins	
Mr Archbald	
Mr Blake	
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On motion by Mr Dyett seconded by Mr Liburd the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had fully passed the Committee with several amendments.

Mr Dyett then moved, and was seconded that the Standing Rules be further

suspended, and the Bill finally passed
 which motion was agreed to
 and the Bill was finally passed.

In consequence of the notice
 given at an early stage of the meeting by
 the President, to introduce a Bill at a
 future meeting to repeal the Horse Tax
 Act. Mr. Archbald withdrew his notice on
 the same subject given on the 30th May
 last.

Mr. Huggins gave notices of
 motions for next meeting, which were duly
 filed on the orders of the Day Book.

On motion by Mr. Dyett seconded
 by Mr. Henry Maynard, the sum of
 £10.0.0. was voted to defray any incidental
 expenses which might be incurred by
 the Board of Health in respect to the
 prevailing disease among the Cattle &c.

The House then adjourned
 to Thursday the 30th instant on motion
 by the President duly seconded.

Assembly Room
 Thursday
 August 30th 1877.

present

How Horroo	Capt. A. O. Havelock	President
The Hon	R. H. A. Dyett	Ex. Officio
	H. P. Maynard	Nominated
M. Pemberton	Esquire	do
C. P. Blake	Esqrs.	do
Edward Maynard	Esqrs.	Elective
Thomas X	Esqrs.	do

The Minutes of the previous meeting
 meeting were read and confirmed.

The President read to the House Copy of a Despatch received by the Governor from the Secretary of State acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution adopted by the House on the 3rd April last respecting the ~~services~~ services rendered to the Presidency by President Goldsworthy.

The President read to the House the Secretary of States reply to a memorial addressed to Her Majesty by certain inhabitants of the Island complaining of heavy taxation.

~~The President read to the House the Secretary of States~~ gave notice of his intention to introduce at the following meeting following Bills:

A Bill to provide for the Registration of Votes

A Bill to amend the Rum and Liquor License Acts

A Bill to impose a Tax upon Horses and Mules Carriages and other Vehicles.

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution and was seconded by Mr Henry Maynard.

Resolved that that portion of the Act of 1866 "to amend the Legislature of New" which enacts that no person shall be qualified to sit as a Member of the House of Assembly unless possessed of a certain property qualification, be repealed.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to impose an Excise duty on Rum, and to make other provisions in law thereof.

Which Bill being ready was on motion by the President seconded by Mr Edward Maynard read a first time.

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Liburd, that the Standing Rules be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a

second time

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time

On further motion by the President duly seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen, on motion by Mr Dyett the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee.

The President then moved, and was seconded by Mr Siburd, that the Standing Rules be further suspended to allow the Bill to be read the third time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a third time, and was finally passed.

Pursuant to notice previously given, the President introduced a Bill to repeal "The House Tax Act (N^o 8 of 1876)

Pursuant to notice previously given, Mr Dyett introduced a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the collection of an Excise Duty on Rum; and on motion made by him, duly seconded, the Bill was read a first time.

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded by Mr Blake that the Bill to consolidate the Customs Laws and to impose duties on the Importation of certain Goods into this Presidency be read a second time

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time by title.

Mr Dyett moved, and was duly seconded, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill, whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Bill having been read throughout in Committee, on motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

Mr Henry Maynard moved, and was duly seconded, that the Standing Rules be suspended to allow the Bill to have its third reading

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded by Mr Liburd that the Bill to impose duties on the exportation of certain articles from this Island and to provide for the collection thereof be read a second time.

Which motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time

On motion by Mr Dyett duly seconded the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

Whilst considering the Bill Mr Edward Maynard moved that the Bill be limited to five years duration

Mr Pemberton opposed Mr Maynard's motion, and moved as an amendment, that the duration of the Bill be not limited to any period of years.

The Committee divided on the amendment, which was carried, Members voting as follows:-

For	Against
The President	Mr Ed. Maynard
Mr Dyett	Mr Liburd
Mr Pemberton	
Mr Blake	
Mr Henry Maynard	5
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The Committee having risen, on motion by Mr Dyett duly seconded the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill

Bill had passed the Committee.

On further motion by M^r Dyett, and seconded by M^r Henry Maynard, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill was read the third time and was finally passed.

The House then adjourned to the 13th proximo.

Assembly Room

Thursday

September 13th 1877

present

The Hon ^{ble} Capt A. E. Havelock	President
The Hon ^{ble} M. H. A. Dyett	Ex officio
The Hon ^{ble} Henry T. Maynard	Nominated
Daniel S. Blake Esq	do
Edward Maynard Esq	Elective
George Webb Daniell Esq	do
Edward John Huggins Esq	do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Thomas E. Archbald Esq took his Seat while the Minutes were being read.

The President informed the House that the Governor had been pleased to assent to "The Cattle Disease Act" and "The Boat License Act 1877", recently passed by the House

The President laid the Treasurer's Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of the Presidency for the month of August 1877 on the Table

Mordant Pemberton Esquire and Thomas Libind Esquire took their seats

The President notified his intention to introduce at a future meeting, a Bill to

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revises the "Land Tax Act"

Mr Edward Maynard obtained leave to present the following petition, which, after having been read, was ordered to lie on the Table for the consideration of the Government

(Appendix A)

Mr Edward Huggins asked the President the following question

Whether in the amount entered in the Treasurer's Account of Revenue and Expenditure, as collected for Export Tax for the last six months, is included the four shillings imposed upon the Colony for Botic Immigration

The President replied that the sum realized from the four shillings per hogshead levied on the exportation of Sugar, on account of Immigration, was not included in the amount referred to in the Treasurer's Account

The President laid on the Table a Return of the several amounts paid to each Estate for repairs of the Public Roads running through them, and the names of the Persons to whom the amounts were paid; - asked for by Mr Huggins on the 21st August last.

Pursuant to notice previously given, Mr Huggins moved the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Archbald

Resolved that the House do take into consideration the injustice that is felt by many parties at the Clause in the General Council Act which prevents anyone appealing from the decision of the Police Magistrate when the amount of fine does not exceed One pound, with the object of getting our Representatives at the General Council to bring the matter to their consideration

The Resolution passed unopposed.

Mr

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The President stating that an Act authorizing appeals from the decisions of the several Magistrates of the Colony would be considered by the Federal Council at the ensuing Session.

The President laid on the Table a "Return of all Executions issued under the Stamp Tax Act and the amounts of the same" asked for by Mr Jennings on the 21st August last.

The President informed the House that the Attorney General had suggested an amendment in the Export Tax Act passed at the previous meeting of the House, and moved, duly seconded, that the House do go into Committee to reconsider the Bill amended as suggested by the Attorney General.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

The Committee having risen, on motion by Mr Dyett the House resumed, and the President reported that the amended Bill had been finally committed.

Whereupon, on motion by the President seconded by Mr Dyett, the Bill was read the third time and was finally passed.

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded by Mr Henry Maynard that the Bill "to amend the Act No 11 of 1876 entitled An Act to provide for the collection of the Excise Duty on Rum", be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time.

On motion by the President seconded by Mr Henry Maynard, the Bill to

To repeal the Stamp Tax Act was read a first time
On further motion by The President
also seconded by Mr Henry Maynard, the Rules
were suspended and the Bill was
read a second time

Mr Henry Maynard then moved,
and was duly seconded, that the House do
go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself
into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen, on motion
by Mr Henry Maynard the House resumed,
and the President reported that the Bill
had passed the Committee without amendment

And on further motion by Mr
Henry Maynard, duly seconded, the Rules
were further suspended and the Bill was
read the third time and was finally passed.

The President obtained leave to
introduce a Bill to amend an Act entitled
"An Act to amend and simplify the
Legislation of New

which Bill, being ready, was on
motion by the President, seconded by Mr
Edward Maynard read a first time.

The President moved and was
seconded, that the Rules of the House be
suspended, and the Bill be read a second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill
was read a second time

Mr Henry Maynard moved and was
seconded by Mr Dyett, that the House do
go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself
into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

While the Bill was being considered
in Committee, Mr Luggins moved that the
words "Nominated Members" be inserted in
the

the second Clause of the Bill instead of the words "Members of the Legislative Assembly"

The motion was opposed by Mr Edward Maynard, and on its being put to the vote, was lost, the Committee voting as follows

For
Mr Ed Maynard

Against
The President
Mr Dyett
Mr Lilind
Mr Edward Maynard
Mr Pemberton
Mr Daniell
Mr Archbold
Mr Blake
Mr Henry Maynard - 9

On motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment

Mr Dyett moved that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read the third time

Mr Lilind having objected to the third reading of the Bill, Mr Dyett withdrew his motion.

Pursuant to notice previously given, the President obtained leave to introduce a "Bill to establish a Register of Voters for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New Zealand."

Which Bill being read, was, on motion by the President, seconded by Mr Henry Maynard, read a first time by title

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Lilind, that the Rules be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time

time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Dilmo that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

The Committee having risen on motion by Mr Dyett, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment.

And on further motion by Mr Dilmo duly seconded, the Standing Rules were further suspended, and the Bill was read the third time and was finally passed.

Mr Dyett obtained leave to introduce a Bill to repeal an Act entitled An Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act to abolish Excise Duties and to impose an additional Tax on "Sellas of Liquors" and to make other provisions in lieu thereof

which Bill, being ready, was on motion by Mr Dyett, seconded by Mr Dilmo, read a first time.

Pursuant to notice previously given the President introduced and read a first time, a Bill to impose a Tax upon Horses and Mules, Carriages and other vehicles

The President laid on the Table the Draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Presidency for 1878

The House then adjourned to the 20th instant on motion duly made and seconded.



Assembly Room
Thursday
September 20th 1877

present

His Honor Capt A E Havelock, President
The Honorable R H A Dyett Esq officio
Daniel M Blake Esquire Nominates
George Webb Daniell Esquire Elector
Thomas Sibmd Esquire Do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President gave notice of his intention to ask at a future meeting for a vote of £25,000 to cover the costs of the Glass windows for the Court House

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Dyett, that the Bill to amend an Act entitled An Act to amend and simplify the Legislature of New Zealand be read the third time

Mr Sibmd opposed the third reading of the Bill

(Thomas B Archbald Esquire took his Seat)

The House then divided on the motion, which was carried, members voting as follows

For	Against
The President	Mr Sibmd
Mr Dyett	
Mr Daniell	
Mr Archbald	
Mr Blake 5	1

The Bill was accordingly read the third time

(Edward Maynard Esq took his seat while the Bill was being read)

On motion by Mr Dyett, seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, the Bill was finally

Finally passed

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded that the House do go into Committee on the Bill to amend an Act entitled An Act to provide for the collection of an Excise Duty on Rum

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded by Mr Blake, that the Rules be suspended to allow the Bill to be read the third time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time

On further motion by Mr Dyett, seconded by Mr Blake, the Bill was finally passed.

Mr Dyett moved and was seconded that the Bill to repeal an Act entitled An Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act to abolish Excise Duties and to impose an additional tax on Sellers of Liquors, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof be read a second time

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Dyett, that the Bill to impose a tax upon horses and mules Carriages and other vehicles be read a second time.

Mr Lubbock opposed the second reading of the Bill, and moved, as an amendment, seconded by Mr Anchtwald, that the Bill do lie on the Table of the House for six months.

The House then divided on the amendment, which was lost, members voting as follows

For

For
 Mr Archbald
 Mr Liburd

Against
 The President
 Mr Dyett
 Mr Ed Maynard
 Mr Daniell
 Mr Blake 5

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The amendment having been declared lost, the Bill was read a second time

The President then moved, and was seconded by Mr Dyett, that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having ~~been~~ arrived at the Schedule to the Bill, Mr Liburd moved that the Tax on horses be five shillings instead of eight shillings

The President objected to the motion, which, having been put, was lost, the Committee voting as follows:-

For
 Mr Archbald
 Mr Liburd

Against
 The President
 Mr Dyett
 Mr Ed Maynard
 Mr Daniell
 Mr Blake 5

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The tax of eight shillings on horses was then passed.

The Committee having risen the House resumed, and on motion by Mr Dyett duly seconded, the President reported that the Bills had passed the Committee

On motion by the President, duly seconded, the Estimates for 1878 were read a first time by title

Mr Edward Maynard notified his intention to move certain alterations in the Excise Act 1876, at the next meeting

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The House then adjourned to the 27th instant on motion by the President duly seconded.



Assembly Room
Philadelphia
September 27th 1877

Present
His Honor Captain A. C. Havlock President
The Honorable N. M. A. Dyett Ex officio
The Honorable Henry J. Maynard Nominatio
Edward Maynard Esquire Elector
Thomas Diland Esquire do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Daniel S. Blake Esquire and George Webb Daniell Esquire took their Seats

The President informed the House that the Governor had assented to the Bill to establish a Register of Voters for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, passed by the House on the 13th instant

The President laid on the Table a Return of the Births and Deaths for the Presidency for March and June Quarters 1877

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Henry Maynard, that the sum of \$25. be granted to cover the cost of the Glass windows for the Court House

The Sum was unanimously granted.

The President referred to the Petition of the Reverend Walter Maynard presented to the House on the 13th instant, and moved, seconded by Mr Henry Maynard that
The

~~The House then adjourned to the
2^d instant on motion by the President
duly seconded~~

The Sum of £ 2,11,3 be granted as refund
of Import and Export duties on certain
Horses and Carriages of the Petitioner.

The Resolution passed without opposition
(Mordaunt Pemberton Esquire took his
Seat)

The Orders of the day being called
Mr Edward Maynard gave notice that at
a future meeting he would move for leave
to introduce a Bill to effect certain
amendments in "The Excise Act 1876"

The President moved, and was
seconded by Mr Dyett that the Bill to
impose a tax upon Horses and Carriages
and other Vehicles be read a ~~second~~ ^{third} time

The motion was agreed to, and the
Bill was read the third time

On further motion by Mr Dyett, duly
seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded by
Mr Henry E Maynard, that the House do go
into Committee on the Bill to repeal an Act
entitled An Act to repeal an Act entitled
An Act to abolish Excise Duties and to impose
an additional Tax on Sellers of Liquors
and to make other provisions in lieu thereof

Whereupon the House resolved itself
into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

Mr Dibms moved that a Clause be
inserted in the Bill limiting it to three
years duration

Mr Dyett opposed the motion, and on
its being put from the Chair was lost, members
voting as follows:—

For

For
 Mr Coward Maynard
 Mr Dilme
 Mr Blake

Against
 The President
 Mr Dyett
 Mr Daniell
 Mr Henry Maynard

The Committee having risen, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee.

And on motion by the President seconded by Mr Henry Maynard the Bill was read the third time and was finally passed.

The President then moved and was seconded by Mr Henry Maynard, that the Estimates for 1848 be read a second time by title.

The motion was agreed to, and the Estimates were read a second time by title.

The President then moved and was seconded by Mr Dyett, that the House do go into Committee on the Estimates.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Estimates.

Mr Coward Maynard informed the President that although the item of £400- estimated to be raised from the House and Carriage Tax might pass in the Estimates, he would not pledge himself to vote for the tax when the present Bill expired.

Mr Dilme moved, and was seconded by Mr Daniell, that the item be struck out of the Estimates altogether.

The Committee divided on the motion, which was lost, members voting as follows:-

For
 Mr Coward Maynard
 Mr Daniell
 Mr Dilme

Against
 The President
 Mr Dyett
 Mr Pemberton
 Mr Blake
 Mr Henry Maynard

Mr Dilme then moved that the Committee do rise, the House resume, and the President report progress and pray leave to sit again

Mr Henry Maynard opposed the motion which, on being put, was lost, Members voting as follows

For	Against
Mr Edmaynard	The President
Mr Dilme	Mr Dyett
	Mr Pemberton
	Mr Daniell
	Mr Blake
	Mr H S Maynard

The Committee having concluded the consideration of the Estimates, on motion by Mr Dyett the Committee rose, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Estimates had passed the Committee

Mr Dyett moved, and was seconded by Mr Henry Maynard, that the Estimates be read the third time

Mr Dilme opposed the third reading of the Estimates

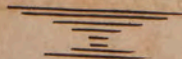
The motion was then put from the Chair and was lost, Members voting as follows.

For	Against
Mr Edmaynard	The President
Mr Dilme	Mr Dyett
	Mr Pemberton
	Mr Blake
	Mr Daniell
	Mr H S Maynard

The Estimates were then read the third time accordingly

And on further motion by the President, duly seconded, they were finally passed.

The House then rose sine die



Assembly Room
Thursday
October 23rd 1844

Present

His Honor Captain A E Harlock	President
The Honorable N. H. A. Dyett	Ex officio
Mordant Pemberton Esquire	Nominated
Edward Maynard Esquire	Elective
George Wette Danell Esquire	do
Edward John Huggins Esquire	do
Thomas Dilme Esquire	do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion by the President duly seconded.

The President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had assented to the following Bills recently passed by the Legislature, viz:-

"An Act to consolidate the Customs laws and to impose duties on the importation of certain articles into this Island and to provide for the collection thereof."

"An Act to impose duties on the exportation of certain articles from this Island and to provide for the collection thereof."

"An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to amend and simplify the Legislature of Nevis."

"An Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act to impose an Excise Duty on Rum, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof."

"An Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act to impose a tax upon ~~houses and tenements~~, ~~carriages and other vehicles~~ all Dwelling Houses and other Buildings in this Presidency."

The President laid the following Returns on the Table

The Treasurer's Cash Account of the Presidency

Presidency for September last, and a Statement of the Revenues and Expenditure of the Presidency for the Quarter ended the 30th September 1877; and a Return of the Births and Deaths of the Presidency for the Quarter ended the 30th September 1877.

The President notified his intention to introduce the following Bill, and to ask for the following Sums at the next meeting, viz:—

A Bill to provide for the Service of the Presidency for the year 1878

A vote for £10,000 to supplement the vote for £10,000 recently granted for defraying expenses incurred by the Board of Health under the provisions of "the Cattle Diseases Act."

A vote for £16,7,7 to pay cost of Iron Sheeting for covering the Doors and Windows of the Registrar's Office, and

A vote for a Sum sufficient to complete the erection of the Bridge at Kades Bay.

M^r Daniell gave notice of a motion for the next or some subsequent meeting, which was duly filed in the "Orders of the Day Book."

The House then adjourned to the 29th instant on motion by the President seconded by M^r Edward Maynard

Assembly Room
Monday
October 29th 1874

Present

- His Honor Captain A E Havelock, President.
- The Honorable R H A Dyett Ex officio
- The Honorable Henry S Maynard Nominated
- Wardman Pemberton Esquire do
- Daniel S Blake Esquire do
- Edward Maynard Esquire Elective
- George Webb Daniell Esquire do
- Edward John Longgins Esquire do
- Thomas S Archbald Esquire do
- Thomas Libind Esquire do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion by the President duly recorded.

The President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had assented to the Bill to impose a Tax upon Horses and Mules, Carriages and other Vehicles, recently passed by the Legislature

The Order of the Day being taken up, the President moved, and was seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, that the sum of £10,000 be granted to defray certain Expenses incurred by the Board of Health under the authority of "The Cattle Disease Act"

The Resolution was agreed to

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Dyett, that the sum of £16,7,7 be granted to pay for the Iron Sheeting used in covering the windows and doors of the Court House Registrars office

The Resolution was unanimously agreed to

In pursuant to notice previously given, the President

President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to make provision for the Pence of the Island for the year 1878

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion by the President, and seconded, by Mr Henry S Maynard, read a first time

The President then moved and was seconded, by Mr Henry S Maynard, that the Standing Rules be suspended to enable the Bill to have a second reading

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time

On further motion by ~~Mr Dyett~~ and the President and seconded by Mr Dyett, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having risen on motion by Mr Dyett, the House resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment.

Mr Dyett then moved, and was duly seconded, that the Standing Rules be further suspended, and the Bill be read the third time

Which motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time

And on further motion by Mr Dyett, duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

Pursuant to notice favourably given, Mr Daniell moved the following Resolution and was duly seconded by Mr Edward Maynard.

Resolved that His Excellency the Governor be requested by His Honour the President to introduce a Bill to alter the present Constitution of the Legislative Assembly of this Island, and to adopt that form of Government known as a "Crown Colony"

The

The Resolution was opposed by Mr Liburd who, after some discussion, obtained leave to lay a letter addressed to him by his Constituents on the Table.

Mr Huggins supported Mr Dilmo's objection, and obtained leave to lay on the Table, a letter addressed to him by his Constituents; and also to have the following Petition recorded in the Minutes. (Appendix A)

Mr Archbald also supported the objection and obtained leave to lay on the Table a letter addressed to him by his Constituents, ~~and to have the following Petition recorded in the Minutes~~ Appendix

Robert Clerk

Mr Daniell's Resolution was then put from the Chair, and was carried, members voting as follows

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| For | Against |
| Mr President | Mr Edward Huggins |
| Mr Byett | Mr Archbald |
| Mr Penultion | Mr Liburd |
| Mr Edward Maynard | |
| Mr Daniell | |
| Mr Blake | |
| Mr H C Maynard 7 | |

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Mr Archbald moved the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Liburd Resolved that it having been brought to the notice of the House that Mr Daniell, the Member for Saint James, has forfeited his Seat from his neglect to attend the House for three months, as is provided by an Act to amend and simplify the regulations of the House of the Island of New, wherein it is enacted in the 15th Clause, that any member who shall be legally declared a Bankrupt, or insolvent, or of unsound mind or shall be convicted of any felony, or shall neglect to take

take his Seat for three months consecutively or shall be absent from the Island without leave for sixty days, shall forfeit his Seat and that the Seat of the member for Saint James is vacant according to Law, and that therefore a new writ be issued for that Parish.

Mr Edward Maynard opposed the Resolution, which on being put from the Chair, was lost, Members voting as follows:-

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|---------------|-----------------|
| For | Against |
| Mr Ed Huggins | The President |
| Mr Archbald | Mr Dyett |
| Mr Lilmo | Mr Paulston |
| Mr Blake 4 | Mr Ed Maynard |
| | Mr Daniell |
| | Mr H Maynard 6. |

Mr Lilmo submitted the following Protest, which, having been read, was ordered to be recorded in the Minutes of the House

(Appendix A.B.)

Mr Lilmo applied for leave of absence to enable him to proceed to Antigua to attend the ensuing Session of the Federal Council, and the Minutes granted him leave from the 1st proximo.

At this stage of the business Mr Archbald rose and stated to the House that he then tendered the resignation of his Seat as the Elective Member for the Parish of Saint Paul, and he withdrew from the Table without permission from the President

Mr Edward John Huggins also rose and stated that he then tendered the resignation of his Seat as the Elective Member for the parish of Saint Thomas,

and

and he also withdrew from the Table without permission from the President

The President gave notice of that at the next meeting he would introduce a Bill to give effect to Mr Daniell's Resolution respecting a Crown Colony System of Government, Passed at an early stage of the meeting

The House then adjourned to the next proceeding, on motion by the President duly seconded.

(Appendix A)

To His Honor The President and the ~~Honorable~~ Members of the Honorable Legislative Assembly

We ----- We ----- We -----
The Petition of the Undersigned Freeholders of the Parish of Saint James
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners have heard with considerable anxiety, that at a meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on the 25th day of October instant a notice was given by our Representative Mr Daniell, of his intention to move a Resolution, asking the Government to introduce a Bill to change the present Constitution of the Island to the Crown Colony System.

That we have viewed with regret Mr Daniell's actions in the Legislature on several occasions, and we have had to give expression of our opinion of his conduct in such manner as will leave him no doubt as to our intentions at the coming Elections

That we are entirely opposed to any change of our Constitution, and desire in the event of our

our Representative Mr Daniell attempting to carry out his intension, that he will not be considered as representing us here in so momentous a question

Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Honor and Honorable House will take into consideration the matters herein contained, and allow us the privilege to exercise our Constitutional Rights of electing a Representative in whom we can confide, to discuss at Your Honorable House a matter of such importance to us.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Sd) William Done

Thomas Nislett and Others

October 29th 1877

(Appendix B)

We Protect.

The undersigned Elected Members of the Legislative Assembly of the said Island respectfully avail ourselves of this opportunity to exercise the privilege granted us by the Crown, to protest against the carrying into effect of a Resolution moved by the Elected Members of the Parish of Saint James Mr George Webb Daniell which comprizes the resolve that His Excellency the Governor, be requested by His Honor the President to introduce a Bill to alter the present Constitution of the Legislative Assembly of this Island, and to adopt that form of Government known as a Crown Colony System for the

The following reasons:-

1. Because the entire voice of the inhabitants of this Presidency is diametrically opposed to such change

2. Because four out of the five Electoral Districts Letters have been written to their respective representatives in the Legislative Assembly, calling upon them either to elect to protect their rights and privileges as British Subjects, by protesting against the Resolution, or resign their seats in the Legislative Assembly in order to allow them the opportunity of electing an unbiased and independent Representative to discuss so important a question and the fifth (St James) has by Resolution to the Legislature expressed their uncompromising dissent to their Representative's Resolution, and pray that they should be fairly polled by the Registered Voters at an Election for such purpose commanded by the House

3. Because the time is inopportune for such a Measure to be discussed by the House, as the Session of the Legislature is speedily drawing to a close, and the general Election is within a very short time

4. Because Mr George Webb, Daniell, the elected Member for Saint James, has neglected from and after the 3rd April last until the 23rd of August, to take his Seat. That his seat according to Law is forfeited

Sd J Huggins

Member for St Thomas

Thomas Dibm

Member for St John

J E Archbold

Member for St Paul

October 29th 1877

Legislative Assembly
November 1st 1878

present

His Honor Capt A C Havlock	President.
The Honble Henry S Maynard	Speaker
The Honble R G A Dyett	Exe officio
The Honorable Henry S Maynard,	Nominated
Edward Maynard Esquire	Elective.
George W Daniell Esq	do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion by the President, seconded by Mr Henry S Maynard.

Mr Henry Maynard obtained leave to present the following, which was ordered to lie on the Table

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The Orders of the Day being called pursuant to notice therein filed, the President moved and was seconded by Mr Daniell, the first reading of a Bill to amend and simplify the regulations of Nev.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the first time.

Mr Edward Maynard moved, seconded by Mr Daniell, the suspension of the Rules of the House, to enable the Bill to be read a second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Daniell that the House do go into Committee on the Bill

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

Mordant Pemberton Esquire took his seat

After the Bill had been considered by

by the Committee, the Committee rose, and on motion by Mr Daniell, the House resumed, and the President, who sat as Chairman of the Committee, reported to the House that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment.

On motion by Mr Daniell, seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, and agreed to by the House, the Rules were further suspended, and the Bill was read the third time.

On further motion by Mr Daniell, seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, and also agreed to by the House, the Bill was finally passed.

The House then adjourned sine die.

Appendix A

To His Honour The President and the Honourable House of Assembly of New Brunswick
The humble petition of Mrs Ann Wallis, Widow
Sheweth

1. That Your petitioner has held the Office of Sexton of Saint James Church for a great many years, during the last seven or eight of which the duties of the office, owing to her great age, - nearly ninety years, - have been discharged by a deputy.

2. That owing to a recent change of Regulations it has become impossible to comply with those Regulations, so as to enable Your Petitioner to draw the salary provided for her in the Estimates for the Fixed Establishments

3 That Your petitioner has therefore for some months past been deprived at the time of Life of her greatest need of these comforts which her salary has hitherto enabled her to enjoy.

4. That Your Petitioner humbly trusts that Your Honour and the Honourable House

House of Assembly will by your vote enable
 her to receive such back salary as has been
 unavoidably withheld, as well as that which
 may become due from month to month in the
 short time he has now to live

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed

Am Walters

Nytham Stone

Rector of St James

W C S Maynard

Churchwarden

Walter Maynard

Legislative Council
Minutes
From
1830 May 1848 to

On the twenty-third day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight (being the day appointed by His Excellency George Berkeley Esq. Governor, for the opening of the Legislative Council of New South Wales) Charles Foster, the provisionally appointed Clerk of the said Council having at the proper time taken his seat at the Board, His Excellency the Governor, and His Honour Captain Arthur Eibauk Harlock, President of the Island, arrived at the Council Room and took their seats at the Board.

The following Gentlemen, who had previously been appointed Members of the Council, being in attendance, at His Excellency's request took their seats at the Board

The Honourable The Treasurer
 The Honourable The Provost Marshal & Registrar
 The Honourable Mordaunt Pemberton
 The Honourable Edward Maynard
 The Honourable Anthony Frederick Archer

The President then read Commissions appointing the President, the Treasurer, and the Provost Marshal and Registrar, for the time being, Official Members, and Mordaunt Pemberton, Edward Maynard, and Anthony Frederick Archer, Esquires, Un-official Members of the Council; which Commissions were handed to Members by His Excellency.

The Members of the Council were then sworn, and His Excellency declared the Council to be duly opened for the transaction of business.

The President submitted certain Standing Orders for the guidance of the Council, and moved, seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, that the Council do go into Committee for their consideration

Whereupon the Board resolved itself
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into a Committee of the whole on the Orders.

The Committee having considered the Orders and passed them with amendments, the Board resumed, and on further motion by the President, seconded by Mr Maynard, the Orders were adopted by the Board and ordered to be printed.

Appendix A

The President gave notice of his intention to introduce the following Ordinances at next meeting:

1. An Ordinance to provide for the appointment of a Clerk to the Legislative Council
 2. An Ordinance to impose a tax upon Land.

3. An Ordinance to authorize the General Legislative ^{Council} to pass laws relating to the Superannuation of Public Officers and for the creation of a Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of such Officers

4. An Ordinance to substitute the title of Protector of Immigrants for that of Immigration Agent

5. An Ordinance to make provision for Bank Holidays and respecting obligations to make payments and do other Acts on such Bank holidays

6. An Ordinance to provide for the safe keeping of Gunpowder and Petroleum.

7. An Ordinance to extend the provisions of "The Excise Duty Act" No 11 of 1876; "The Rum Duty Act" No 10 of 1876; and "The Excise Duty Act" No 14 of 1877

8. An Ordinance to make further provision for the Service of the Island for the year 1878.

The President laid on the Table various Financial Statements which had been prepared by the Treasurer.

Also a Return of the Births and Deaths for March Quarter 1878.

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The President gave notice to ask for votes as follows at next meeting

1. For the sum of £ 3.15.0 as salary to the Clerk of the Courts for three quarters of the year at the rate of £ 5.0.0 per annum.
2. For the sum of £ 6.0.0 to pay the rental of an Office for the Superintendent of Public Works.

On motion by the President, duly seconded by Mr. The Provost Marshal and Registrar, the Council adjourned to 12 O'Clock noon of the 30th. instant

Charles Foster
Clerk Reg. Co. provisionally

Appendix A



STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE

ISLAND OF NEVIS.

Adopted by the Board on 25th May 1878

I. The Legislative Council shall assemble for the despatch of business on the second Thursday of each month.

II. The hour of meeting shall be twelve o'clock at noon, unless some other hour shall have been appointed by the Board.

III. In the event of a sufficient number of members to form a Board not attending within half-an-hour after the hour appointed for their meeting the Council, shall stand adjourned to the next regular day of meeting.

IV. It shall be lawful for the Governor or Presiding Member to call an extraordinary meeting of the Council whenever he shall deem it expedient, and in such case notice shall be given three clear days previous to the day of meeting except in cases of great urgency when the earliest practicable notice shall be given.

V. The Clerk of the Council shall give each member due notice of any extraordinary meeting, by letter addressed either to his usual place of abode or to such other place as such member may have appointed for such purpose.

VI. All notices to members shall be signed by the Clerk of the Council, and shall be endorsed with the words "Legislative Council."

VII. As soon as a sufficient number of members to form a Board shall have assembled, and the chair shall be taken, the Clerk of the Council shall enter in the minutes the names of the members then present, and in case any other member shall take his seat after the assembling of the Board, the Clerk shall enter the name of such member in the proper place in the minutes.

VIII. After a Board is formed it shall not be adjourned except on the vote of the majority of the members present. No member shall leave the Board or a Committee of the Board but by the consent of the President or Chairman.

IX. Before the Board proceeds to any other business, the minutes of the last preceding meeting, as taken by the Clerk, shall be read over by him.

X. If any member shall be desirous of proposing any correction of the minutes, he shall do so immediately after the minutes are read, and such correction shall be forthwith admitted or rejected by the Board.

XI. After the minutes shall have been read, and the corrections, if any, made, the question shall be forthwith put that the minutes of the proceeding meeting be confirmed.

XII. If any member shall be desirous of putting any question on public matters to the Governor or to any member of the Board, such question shall be in writing, and shall be put next after the confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, and not at any other period, unless with the consent of the Board. Two clear days notice of such question shall be given in writing to the Governor or such member as the case may be.

XIII. Every resolution to be submitted to the Board shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Council at least three clear days before the day on which such resolution shall be submitted to the Board.

XIV. A book shall be kept by the Clerk to be called "The Order of the Day Book," and in such book shall be inserted a notice of all Resolutions and Ordinances intended to be submitted to the Board, in the Order of time at which the same shall have been received by him, and at least two days before the day on which the same shall be submitted to the Board: Provided always that the Governor or in his absence

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the presiding member may in cases of pressing necessity propose any measure to the Board, although the same shall not have been entered in the Order of the Day Book.

XV. All messages from the Governor, and all resolutions proposed with the authority of the Governor, shall have precedence over the ordinary business of the day. After such messages and resolutions, petitions may be presented, and all other Orders of the Day shall come on and be submitted to the Board in the order in which the same shall have been entered in the Order of the Day Book, unless the Board shall by a specific vote determine to proceed to any particular business out of the regular order. A motion for such vote may be made without notice.

XVI. The business under discussion, and any business not disposed of at the time of the adjournment of the Board, shall stand as Orders of the Day for the next day on which the Council shall sit.

XVII. If an interval of three calendar months shall elapse after any notice of motion is given or after any reading of an Ordinance without further action being taken on such motion or Ordinance, such motion or Ordinance shall be deemed to be withdrawn.

XVIII. Any motion submitted to the Council by any member of the Board must be seconded, and if not seconded, shall be considered as lost, and a note thereof shall be entered in the minutes.

XIX. Any member shall be at liberty to propose an amendment to any motion: Provided that such amendment shall not be contradictory to, or unconnected with the general object and purpose of the original motion. If the amendment be objected to on the ground that it is contradictory to, or unconnected with the general object of the original motion, the objection shall be decided by the Governor or presiding member previously to the question of the amendment being put.

XX. Every Ordinance shall be read three times previously to its being passed.

XXI. No Ordinance shall be read a second time until after an interval of seven days after the first reading.

XXII. If the question for the second reading shall pass in the affirmative, the Ordinance shall be forthwith referred

to a committee of the whole Board, and shall be read therein clause by clause, and any amendments thereto proposed shall be decided on, and after having thus passed the committee, the Ordinance if not materially altered may forthwith be read a third time, but if in passing through the committee any material alteration shall have been made, such Ordinance shall not be read a third time till after an interval of seven days.

XXIII. If the question for the third reading of any Ordinance shall pass in the affirmative, a motion may be immediately made that the Ordinance do pass, and if such question shall be carried in the affirmative, the Ordinance shall be laid before the Governor for his approval.

XXIV. The Board may upon the proposition of any member appoint a select committee to enquire and report respecting any matter before the Board, or for any other purpose which may appear to be necessary for the Board in the proper discharge of its duties. The number of such committee, and the members of whom same shall consist, shall in all cases be determined by the Board.

XXV. The Council may upon the motion of any member, resolve itself into a committee of the whole Board for the consideration of any matter which may be referred to such committee, and in all such committees the Governor, or in his absence the presiding member, shall be the chairman, and the minutes of such committee shall be kept and entered by the Clerk of the Council in the minutes of the Board, and no further or other report of the proceedings of such committee shall be made to the Board unless expressly so directed. Reports of committees of the whole Board when expressly directed to be made shall be signed by the Clerk of the Council.

XXVI. In speaking to any proposition under consideration of the Board, the following rules are to be strictly observed:—Every member is to address his observations to the Governor, or presiding member, and is to speak standing. He is not to be interrupted unless out of order. When he has finished his observation he is to resume his seat, and any other member wishing to address the Board will rise. If two members rise at the same time, the Governor or presiding member will call on the member who first catches his eye. Every member must confine his observations to the subject under consideration. No member shall impute improper motives to any other member. All personalities are to be avoided. No member shall speak more than once to any proposition before the Board, except in explanation, or to order, or when the Board is in committee. The mover

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of any resolution or motion may, however, reply after all the other members present shall have had an opportunity of addressing the Board, and before the motion is put. Any member of the Board deviating from the rules may be immediately called to order by the Governor or presiding member, or by any other member of the Board, and if any question shall arise as to whether the member is, or is not in order, that question shall be decided by the Governor or presiding member.

XXVII. Every proposition once submitted to the Board, shall be disposed of before any other question is entertained, but this rule shall not be construed to extend to the exclusion of motions for amendments, or for the previous question, or for adjourning the consideration of the subject, or for the adjournment of the Board. A motion for the adjournment of the Board may be made at any time, and shall be immediately decided upon.

XXVIII. When the debate upon a motion shall be concluded, the Board shall proceed to vote thereon, and the Clerk of the Council shall collect the votes by calling upon every member present to give his vote, commencing with the junior member, and every member shall, on being called upon, give his vote in distinct terms, "For," or "Against" the motion, and after having taken the votes, the Clerk of the Council shall declare the result, and record the same in the minutes, distinguishing the name and vote of each member.

XXIX. Any member may protest against any decision of the Board, provided he give notice of his intention to make such protest immediately after such decision shall have been made, and that such protest be delivered to the Clerk of the Council within seven days after such decision. Such protest shall contain merely the reasons for protesting. No counter protest shall be admitted. It shall be competent for the Council to order any passage in any protest which may be justly offensive to be expunged.

XXX. All applications to the Board shall be in the form of a petition, and every petition must be presented by some member who shall be responsible for the same being in respectful language.

XXXI. On the presentation of any petition, the member presenting the same may, without any previous notice, move that the same be ordered to lie on the table.

XXXII. All papers laid before the Board shall be left with the Clerk of the Council, who shall be responsible for

the safe custody thereof. All such papers shall at all times be open to the inspection and perusal of any member and shall be produced before the Board whenever the same may be required by any member.

XXXIII. A motion for the suspension of any of the Standing Orders may be made at any time without notice, and such motion may be decided upon immediately.

XXXIV. Previously to any motion being made for the raising or disposing of public monies, or whereby the expenditure of any public monies may be directly or indirectly authorized or approved, a notice of such motion shall be given at the Board, at least seven days before such motion shall be proposed, and all papers, documents, and estimates whereon such motion may be founded, shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Council at the time of giving such notice.

XXXV. Whenever the word "Governor" is used in the Standing Orders, the same shall be construed to include the Lieut. Governor, or other person Administering the Government.

XXXVI. Whenever any number of days is mentioned in the Standing Orders, the same shall be reckoned exclusively of Sundays and Public Holidays.

Adopted by the Legislative Council the 23rd day of May A.D. 1878.

CHARLES FOSTER,
Clk. Leg. Assembly. (provisionally.)

Legislative Council
 Thursday
 May 30th 1848
 Present

His Honor Captain Arthur Edmont Hawdock
 The Hon: The Provost Marshal & Registrar
 The Hon: Mordant Pemberton, The Hon: Edward
 The Hon: H. J. Archer }
 Maynard }

The President read a Commission from His Excellency the Governor appointing him President of the Council

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed, on motion by the President duly seconded.

The Honourable the Treasurer took his seat while the Minutes were being read.

The President gave notice of his intention to ask for a vote for £12.0.0 at the next meeting to pay for a Dining Table purchased for Queens House.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, on motion by the President, duly seconded

On motion by the President and seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal the Ordinance to provide for the appointment of a Clerk to the Legislative Council was read a first time

The President moved and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal that the Ordinance to impose a tax upon land be read a first time

The motion was agreed to, and the Ordinance was read a first time

The President moved and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal that the Standing Orders of the Council be suspended to enable the Ordinance to be read a second time.

The Council agreed to the motion and the Ordinance was read a second time.

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The President then moved, and was seconded by the Treasurer, that the Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance

Whereupon the Board resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Ordinance

The Committee having considered the Ordinance clause by clause and passed the same, rose, and the Board resumed

And on motion by the President seconded by the Treasurer, the Standing Orders were further suspended, and the Ordinance was read the third time

On further motion by the President and seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, the Ordinance was finally passed.

The President moved and was seconded by the Treasurer that the Ordinance to authorize the General Legislature to pass Laws relating to the Superannuation of Public Officers and for the creation of a Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of such Officers be read a first time

The President moved and was seconded by the Treasurer that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a second time.

The Orders were accordingly suspended, and the Ordinance was read a second time.

On motion by the President duly seconded, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Ordinance

The Ordinance having been considered throughout, and passed, the Committee rose, and the Board resumed

And the Ordinance was read the third time on motion made by the President seconded by the Treasurer

And on further motion by the President seconded by the Treasurer the Ordinance was finally passed.

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On motion made by the President respectfully and duly seconded, the following Ordinances were read each a first time.

1. An Ordinance to substitute the title of Protector of Immigrants for that of Immigration Agent

2. An Ordinance to make provision for Bank Holidays and respecting obligations to make payments and do other Acts on such holidays

3. An Ordinance to provide for the safe keeping of Gunpowder and Petroleum

4. An Ordinance to extend the provisions of The Excise Act No 11 of 1876, The Rum Duty Act No 10 of 1877 and the Excise Duty Act No 14 of 1877.

5. An Ordinance to make further provision for the Service of the Island for the year 1877.

Pursuant to notice previously given, the President moved and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal that the sum of £3.15.0 be granted as salary to the Clerk of the Courts for three Quarters of the current year at the rate of £5.0.0 per annum.

The sum of £6.0.0 was also unanimously voted by the Board for rental of an office for the Superintendent of Public Works for the current year, on motion by the President seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal.

The Council then adjourned to the Clock noon of Thursday the 10th proximo on motion by the President duly seconded.

Charles Peter
Clerk of the Council

Legislative ~~Assembly~~ Council
Thursday
June 13th 1878

Present

- His Honour Capt. A. E. Havelock. President
- The Honble The Treasurer
- The Honble The Registrar Provost Marshal
- The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton
- The Honble Edward Maynard
- The Honble Anthony F. Archer

The Minutes of The previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion by the President seconded by the Treasurer.

The President moved, and was seconded by the Treasurer, that the Ordinance to provide for the appointment of a Clerk of the Legislative Council be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Ordinance was read a second time.

The President moved, and was seconded by the Treasurer, that the Council, do go into Committee on the Ordinance

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Ordinance.

The Committee having considered the Ordinance and passed it, the Council resumed

And on motion by the President, seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was read the third time.

And on further motion by the President seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was finally passed.

The President moved and was seconded by the Treasurer, that the "Ordinance to substitute the title of Protector of Immigrants for that of Immigration Agent" be read a second time

The motion was agreed to and the Ordinance was read a second time.

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The President then moved and was seconded by the Treasurer that the Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Ordinance

The Committee having considered the Ordinance and passed it, the Council resumed.

And on motion by the President, seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was read the third time

On further motion by the President, seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was finally passed.

The President moved, and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, that the "Ordinance to make provision for Bank Holidays and respecting obligations to make payments and do other acts on such Bank Holidays," be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to and the Ordinance was read a second time

The President then moved, and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, that the Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Ordinance.

The Committee having considered the Ordinance, and passed it, the Council resumed

And on motion by the President seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, the Ordinance was read the third time.

And on further motion by the President, seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was finally passed

The Treasurer moved, and was seconded by the Provost Marshal and Registrar, that the Ordinance to provide for the safe-keeping of Gunpowder

Gumponder and Petroleum" be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to and the Ordinance was read a second time

The Treasurer then moved, and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, that the Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance.

The motion was agreed to, and the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the ~~Estimate~~ Ordinance

The Committee having considered the Ordinance and passed it, the Council resumed.

And on motion by the Treasurer, seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, the Ordinance was ~~finally passed~~. read the third time.

And on further motion by the Treasurer, also seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, the Ordinance was finally passed.

The President moved, and was seconded by the Treasurer, that the 'Ordinance to extend the provisions of the Excise Duty Act No 11 of 1876' the 'Rum Duty Act No 10 of 1877' the 'Excise Duty Act No 14 of 1877' and the 'Liquor License Act No 15 of 1877'

The motion was agreed to and the Ordinance was read a second time

(The Honble Edward Maynard Esquire took his seat.

The President moved, and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, that the Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Ordinance.

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The Committee having considered the Ordinance and passed it, the Council resumed.

On motion by the President, seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, the Ordinance was read the third time.

And on further motion by the President, and seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, the Ordinance was finally passed.

The President moved, and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, that the Ordinance to make further provision for the Service of the year 1877 be read a second time

Read a second time.

The President then moved, and was seconded by the Treasurer, that the Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Ordinance.

The Committee having considered the Ordinance and passed it, the Council resumed.

And on motion by the President, seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was read the third time

And on further motion by the President, seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was finally passed.

Pursuant to notice given at the last meeting, the President moved, and was seconded by the Treasurer, that the sum of £12.0.0 be granted for payment to Mr. Eldridge of Dominica for a Dining Table purchased for Queen's House.

The motion was agreed to, and the sum unanimously voted.

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The Treasurer moved the following Resolution, which being seconded by Mr^r Archer, was unanimously adopted.
(Appendix A)

The Council then adjourned to the 11th July next

Appendix A

That this Board while regretting that so soon after its creation by the change of the Constitution of the Presidency it should lose the services of His Honour President Havelock, desires to express its acknowledgment of the able manner in which His Honour has during his brief rule, supervised the Financial Affairs of the Presidency, resulting in the improved state of the Public credit which now exists.

And this Board desires further to express to His Honour, the hope of each individual Member that much prosperity may attend him in the new sphere to which the favour of Our Gracious Sovereign has called him.

And that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk to His Honour President Havelock

Done 13th 1878

Charles Foster
Clerk Reg^y Council

Legislative Assembly Council
 Thursday
 July 11th 1878
 present

Honour Patrick Burns, Acting President.

The Hon: Jno: F. Wylde, Treasurer.

The Hon: Mordant Pemberton.

The Honble Edward Maynard.

The Honble A. F. Archer.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion by the President, seconded by Mr Maynard.

The President laid before the Board the Balance Sheet of the Treasury to 30th June last

The President obtained leave to introduce an Ordinance to amend the Act No 14 of 1876

Which Ordinance, being ready, was, on motion by the President, duly seconded, read a first time

On motion by the President, duly seconded, the Standing Orders were suspended, and the Ordinance was read a second time.

The President then moved and was seconded, that the Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Ordinance.

The Committee having passed the Ordinance, rose, and the Council resumed.

And on motion by the Treasurer, seconded by Mr Archer, the Ordinance was read a second time

On further motion by the President, Treasurer also seconded by Mr Archer, the Ordinance was finally passed.

Charles Foster
 Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
August 8th 1878
present

His Honour Patrick Burns, Acting President.
The Honble Jno. F. Wylde, Treasurer.
The Honble The Registrar & Provost Marshal.
The Honble Edward Maynard.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion by the Treasurer seconded by Mr Maynard.

The President obtained leave to introduce an Ordinance to amend the Act No 6 of 1878 ~~entitled~~ ~~an~~ Ordinance to amend the ~~Act~~ ~~No 6 of 1878~~ entitled "An Act to provide for the repairs of the Public Roads, and for the appointment of a Superintendent of the same, and of the Public Works"

Which Ordinance being ready, was, on motion by the President, duly seconded, read a first time

The President moved, and was seconded by the Treasurer, that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Ordinance to be read a second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Ordinance was read a second time.

The Treasurer moved, and was seconded by Mr Maynard, that the Board do go into Committee on the Ordinance,

Whereupon the Board resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Ordinance

The Committee having considered the Ordinance and passed it, rose, and the Council resumed,

And on motion by the Treasurer,
Seconded

seconded by the Registrar and Provost
Marshal, the Ordinance was read the
third time

On further motion by the Treasurer,
duly seconded, the Ordinance was finally
passed. #3

The Board then rose sine die

Charles Ovel
Clerk Reg Council

~~The President moved and was seconded
by the Treasurer as follows~~

~~Resolved that the further sum of
Two hundred pounds (£200, 0, 0) be grant-
ed from the General Revenue in addition
to the sum already voted in the Estimates
for the repairs of the Public Roads for the
year 1878.~~

Legislative Council

Thursday
August 21st 1878

present

- His Honor Mr Burns, Acting President
- The Honorable The Treasurer
- The Honble The Registrar Provost Marshal
- The Honble Woodaunt Pemberton
- The Honble Edward Maynard

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed on motion duly made
and seconded

Mr Maynard moved the following
resolution, which was seconded by the Treasurer,
and unanimously adopted.

Resolved that this Council desires to call
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the attention of the Government to the arrival of the Mail Steamer on the 25th 1878 inst., two days before her appointed time, by which several of the inhabitants were put to much inconvenience and loss.

On motion by the President, seconded by the Treasurer, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted

Resolved that the further sum of Two hundred pounds (£200.0.0) be granted from the General Revenue, in addition to the sum already voted in the Estimates, for the repairs of the Public Roads for the year 1878.

Charles Foster
Clerk Reg Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
September 18th 1878
Present

His Honour Patrick Burns, Acting President
The Honourable The Treasurer.

The Honble The Registrar & Sheriff Marshal.

The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton.

The Honble Edward Maynard.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion duly made and seconded

The President informed the Board, in reply to the Resolution passed at the last meeting respecting the early arrival of the Mail Steamer on the 16th inst, ultimo, that the Governor had directed him to express to the Council his regret that any inconvenience should have been caused to the Presidency on the occasion in question, but that he did not see how he could interfere in the matter.

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The President also informed the Council that the Governor had assented to the vote of Two hundred pounds, passed at the last meeting for the further repairs of the Public Roads.

The President obtained leave to introduce an Ordinance to amend the Liquor License Act No 15 of 1877.

Which Bill being ready was on motion by the Treasurer, duly seconded, read a first time.

On further motion by the Treasurer, seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, the Standing Orders were suspended, and the Ordinance was read a second time.

The Treasurer moved, and was seconded, that the Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance

The Committee having passed the Ordinance rose, and the Council resumed.

And on motion by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was read the third time,

And on further motion by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, also seconded by the Treasurer, the Ordinance was finally passed

The Council then rose



Charles Foster
Clerk Reg. Council

Legislative Council
 Thursday
 October 10th 1878
 present

His Honour Patrick Burns, President
 The Honble John F. Wylde Treasurer
 " " The Registrar & Provost Marshal
 " " Mordaunt Pemberton
 " " Edward Esq. Maynard
 " " Thomas Henry Hutchinson

The President informed the Board that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint Thomas Henry Hutchinson Esquire to fill the non-official recently vacated by Mr. Archer, and that Mr. Hutchinson had been duly sworn.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion duly made and seconded.

The President obtained leave to introduce an Ordinance to amend the Ordinance No 1 of 1878 entitled An Ordinance to impose a tax upon Land.

Which Ordinance being ready was on motion by him made, and duly seconded, read a first time.

On further motion by the President seconded by the Treasurer, the Standing Orders were suspended, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Treasurer then moved, and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, that The Council do go into Committee on the Ordinance.

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Ordinance.

The Committee having considered the Ordinance passed it, rose, and the Council

Council resumed

seconds The Treasurer moved, and was seconded by the Registrar and Provost Marshal that the Ordinance be read the third time

The motion was agreed to, and the Ordinance was read the third time.

On further motion by the Treasurer duly seconded, the Ordinance was finally passed.

The Orders of the day being called, pursuant to notice given at the last meeting the Registrar and Provost Marshal obtained leave to introduce an Ordinance to enforce the due observance of the Sabbath Day.

Which Ordinance being ready was on motion by him made, and duly seconded, read a first time.

On further motion by the Registrar and Provost Marshal, seconded by Mr Edward Maynard, the Standing Orders were suspended, and the Ordinance was read a second time

On motion being made by the Registrar and Marshal for the Commitment of the Ordinance, Mr Pemberton moved that it do lie on the Table of the Board for six months

Mr Pemberton's motion not being seconded, was considered negatived, and it was then agreed that the Ordinance should stand for commitment at the next meeting

Mr Edward Maynard gave notice that at the next meeting he would move a Resolution calling upon the Registrar of the Supreme Court to furnish a return of the sittings of the Circuit and other Courts held by the Judges.

The Council was then adjourned to the 12th instant.



Legislative Council

Thursday

October 17th 1878.

present

His Honour Patrick Burns, President

The Honourable The Treasurer

" "

The Registrar & Pro Marshal

" "

Thos. H. Hutchinson

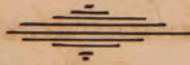
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion by the Treasurer, duly recorded.

The Orders of the Day having been called, it was unanimously agreed that the consideration of the Ordinance to enforce the due observance of the Sabbath Day be further postponed.

The President read a Note from The Honourable Edward Maynard, who was absent from the meeting, asking for a postponement of the consideration of his motion filed at last meeting, respecting the sittings of the Circuit and other Courts held by the Judges.

The Council assented to Mr Maynard's request, and then rose sine die.

Charles Fisher
Clerk of Council



Legislative Council

Thursday

November 14th 1878

present

His Honour Patrick Burns, Acting President

The Honble The Treasurer

The Honble The Registrar & Pro Marshal

The Honble Thos. Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion

motion

motion duly made and seconded.

The Honourable Edward Maynard took his Seat while the Minutes were being read.

The President laid on the Table the Estimates for 1879 on the Table.

Pursuant to notice previously given, Mr Edward Maynard moved, seconded by Mr Hutchison, the following Resolution, which was passed without opposition.

(Appendix A)

The Council then rose

Charles Foster

Appendix A

Clk Reg Council

Resolved: - "That His Honor the President be requested to lay on the table of this Council a Report from the Registrar's Office shewing: -

1. The days upon which by law the Superior Court ought to have been held, and the days when they actually sat for the despatch of business.

2. A list of all the Civil causes that have come before the Superior Court, shewing the day upon which each cause should by law have been decided, and that upon which each was finally disposed of - if adjourned, state number of adjournments in each case and cause of adjournment when discoverable (The above Report to extend over a period embracing the last ten years.)

3. A statement shewing the days upon which the Summary Court should by law have been held, and the day when each such Court actually sat for the despatch of business.

4. A list of the Cases that have come before the Summary Court, shewing the day upon which each case should by law have been decided and that upon which each case was finally disposed of - if adjourned, state number of adjournments in each case, and cause of adjournment when discoverable. This Report to extend over the whole period during which the Summary Court has been in existence."



Legislative Council
December 18th 1878
Present

His Honour P Burns, Acting President.

The Honble The Treasurer.

The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton.

The Honble The Reg: & Provost Marshal.

The Honble J H Hutchinson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion duly made and seconded.

The President laid on the Table, a Statement prepared by the Registrar and Marshal, of the sittings of the several Courts, and of the Cases heard and pending, ~~etc~~ called for in McMaynards Resolution of the 14th November last.

Also The Treasury Balance Sheet for November last.

The Orders of the day being called, The Estimates for 1879 were read a first and second times on motions duly made and seconded.

The President then moved and was seconded that the Council do go into Committee on the Estimates.

Which motion, being agreed to, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

The Committee increased the sum for repairs of Roads from £510 - to £610 -

On motion by the Treasurer, duly seconded, the Committee rose, and the Board resumed; and the President reported the Estimates to have been passed with one amendment, by the Committee.

The Board then adopted the Estimates.

The President gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would

introduce

introduce the following Ordinances

1. A Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance for 1878.
2. An Appropriation Ordinance for 1879.

The Council then rose

Charles Foster
 Clerk of Council

1879

Legislative Council

January 10th 1879

~~present~~

Extraordinary Meeting

present

His Honour J Burns, Acting President
 The Hon: J F Wylde, Treasurer. Official Member
 The Honble Wardlaw Pemberton. Unofficial do.
 The Honble Ed: Maynard do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion duly made and seconded

The President laid before the Board, the Treasurers Balance Sheet to 31st December 1878

The President read a letter from the Colonial Secretary informing him that the Governor had been advised by the Attorney General to offer the sum of £150 as a compromise of the dispute now existing between the Owners of the Bath House Premises and the Government; and directing him to apply to the Council for a vote for that sum; - which motion he gave notice to move at next meeting.

The President read a letter from the Colonial

Colonial Secretary suggesting the establishment of Heliograph communication between Montserrat, Nevis and St Kitts, and inviting an expression of the Council's opinion on the subject.

The Council was of opinion that while one Heliograph Station placed in Charlestown for signalling with St Kitts might not be objectionable, - to enable Montserrat to signalize with St Kitts a second Station would be required at Saddle Hill, towards the maintenance of which Nevis ought not to be called upon to contribute.

The President obtained leave to read a first and second time Supplementary Estimates for 1878.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Estimates.

The Committee having considered the Estimates rose, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had passed the Estimates.

Whereupon the Council unanimously adopted the Supplementary Estimates for 1878.

Pursuant to notice given the President introduced a Bill to make further provision for the Service of the Island for the year 1878.

Which, on motions respectively made by him and seconded by the Treasurer were read a first and second times.

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

The Committee having risen the Council resumed and the Committee reported that the Bill had been passed by them.

On motion by the President, and seconded by the Treasurer, the Bill read the third time and was declared finally passed.

The President obtained leave to introduce

a Bill to make provision for the Service of the Island for the year 1879.

Which Bill being ready was on motion by him made, and seconded by the Treasurer, read a first time

On further motion by the President, also seconded by the Treasurer, the Standing Orders were suspended and the was read a second time

The President then referred the Bill to a Committee of the whole Board, wherein the Bill was considered throughout and passed

The Board having resumed, the Bill was read the third time and was declared finally passed, on motion made by the President, duly seconded by the Treasurer

Mr Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution, which being seconded by Peurborton was unanimously adopted

"Resolved That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to cause an Inventory to be taken of all Books in the Registrar's Office"

Mr Edward Maynard expressed the opinion that all papers and correspondence relating to the Bath House Question should be laid before the Council for its information

The Council rose sine die

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
 Thursday
 February 3rd 1879
 Present

His Honour Patrick Burns, Acting President
 The Honble John F Wylde, Treasurer
 The Honble Jos: Theodore Thibau
 The Honble Thos: Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion duly made by the President, and seconded by Mr Wylde.

(The Honourables Mordaunt Pemberton and Edward Maynard, Esquires, took their seats.)

The President laid before the Board, a series of Correspondence which took place during the years 1871 to 1876 between the Representatives of the Owners of the Bath House and the Government, in respect to the "Bath House-purchase-Question"; and after the Correspondence had been considered

The President, pursuant to notice given at the previous meeting, moved the following Resolution, which being seconded by Mr Wylde, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the sum of £150 be granted for the purpose of enabling His Excellency the Governor to effect a compromise of the dispute now existing between the Owners of the Bath House and the Government

Charles Foster
 Secy Leg Council

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Legislative Council
Thursday
March 13th 1879

Present

His Honour Acting President Burns
The Honble John F. Wylde Esq
The Honble Jos. Theodore Sheehan Esq
The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton Esq

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed, on motion duly
made and seconded.

The President laid before the Council
an Inventory prepared by the Registrar of
Deeds, of ~~the~~ all Books at present in his
Office; which Inventory was called for in
terms of Mr Edward Maynard's motion
of the 10th January last.

The Inventory having been considered, it
was ordered to be enrolled in the Minutes
of the Day, and was as follows:

(Appendix A)

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Appendix A

"Appendix A"

Presidency of Berar

Inventory of all books in the Registrar's Office of this Presidency as required by resolution of the Legislative Council of the said Presidency hereto annexed viz

4/ Books Common Records as under

1	begun	1/12	and ended	1/28	marked	D
2	"	1/28	" "	1/40	"	E
3	"	1/41	" "	1/50	"	F
4	"	1/50	" "	1/52	"	G
5	"	1/53	" "	1/54	"	H
6	"	1/54	" "	1/58	"	I
7	"	1/54	" "	1/62	"	K
8	"	1/63	" "	1/64	"	L
9	"	1/64	" "	1/64	"	M
10	"	1/64	" "	1/70	"	N
11	"	1/69	" "	1/71	"	O
12	"	1/71	" "	1/73	"	P
13	"	1/73	" "	1/74	"	Q
14	"	1/73	" "	1/75	"	R
15	"	1/73	" "	1/76	"	S
16	"	1/76	" "	1/77	"	T
17	"	1/77	" "	1/78	"	U
18	"	1/78	" "	1/83	"	V
19	"	1/83	" "	1/85	"	W
20	"	1/85	" "	1/87	"	X
21	"	1/87	" "	1/89	"	Y
22	"	1/89	" "	1/90	"	Z
23	"	1/90	" "	1/92	"	A
24	"	1/92	" "	1/94	"	B
25	"	1/94	" "	1/97	"	C
26	"	1/97	" "	1/99	"	D

27	begin	1799	ended	1801	marked	E
28	"	1801	"	1803	"	F
29	"	1803	"	1805	"	G
30	"	1805	"	1808	"	H
31	"	1808	"	1810	"	I
32	"	1810	"	1814	"	K
33	"	1814	"	1817	"	L
34	"	1817	"	1819	"	M
35	"	1819	"	1823	"	N
36	"	1823	"	1828	"	O
37	"	1829	"	1830	"	P
38	"	1829	"	1830	"	Q
39	"	1831	"	1835	"	R
40	"	1835	"	1838	"	S
41	"	1838	"	1846	"	T
42	"	1848	"	1857	"	U
43	"	1858	"	1859	"	W
44	"	1859	"	1869	"	
45	"	1869	"	1875	"	

46 an old book mark Com: Rec: 1748-1749

47 begin 1875 and conts to present time
 of Books Ordinary Records as under

1	begin	1761	ended	1787
2	"	1787	"	1805
3	"	1805	"	1819
4	"	1819	"	1830
5	"	1830	"	1837
6	"	1837	"	1864

of " 1862 and conts to present time

25 Books conty: minutes of Com: Rec: 1748-1749

1	begin	1761	ended	1782
2	"	1761	"	1771
3	"	1772	"	1780
4	"	1781	"	

5	begun	1782	ended	1783	
6	"	1783	"	"	
7	"	1784	"	1790	
8	"	1795	"	1804	
9	"	1796	"	1802	
10	"	1803	"	1809	
11	"	1809	"	1811	
12	"	1811	"	1816	
13	"	1816	"	1818	
14	"	1819	"	1823	
15	"	1823	"	1824	
16	"	1823	"	1824	
17	"	1824	"	1833	
18	"	1824	"	1836	
19	"	1824	"	1839	begin at page 43
20	"	1824	"	1840	
21	"	1838	"	1853	
22	"	1840	"	1844	
23	"	1844	"	1849	
24	"	1853	"	1854	
25	"	1854	"	1860	

33 Books contg: records of proceedings of Q. S. W.

1	begun	1710		
2	"	1712	ended	1717
3	beginning at page 362 & only ends about 1724.			
4	begun	1725	ended	1726
5	"	1734	"	1737
6	"	1752	"	1754
7	"	1756	"	1759
8	"	1760	"	1763
9	"	1762	"	1764
10	"	1764	"	1767
11	"	1769	"	1771
12	"	1771	"	1774

13	begun	1774	ended	1776
14	"	1776	"	1777
15	"	1776	"	1812
16	"	1779	"	1789
17	"	1782	"	1823 begun at page 43
18	"	1793	"	1802 " " " 8
19	"	1802	"	1805
20	"	1804	"	1813
21	"	1814	"	1824
22	"	1815	"	1850

23 contg records about 1810 not complete & not paged

24	begun	1822	ended	1841
25	"	1831	"	1842
26	"	1824	"	1836
27	"	1836	"	1843
28	"	1843	"	1851
29	"	1864	"	1868 notes Mag: Board
30	an old book without beginning or end seeming to contain records at 1/2			
31	"	1858		
32	"	1845	in use at present	(Civil)
33	"	1845	in use at present	(Criminal)

4 Books contg record of Judgments Q.B. 10.

1	begun	1836	ended	1860
2	"	1860	"	1840
3	"	1840	"	1844
4	"	1844	in use at present	

14 Books Local Acts

1	from	1680	to	1742
2	"	1813	"	1819
3	"	1819	"	1825
4	"	1825	"	1836
5	"	1836	"	1840
6	"	1840	"	1848
7	"	1848	"	1854

- 8 from 1854 to 1858
- 9 " 1858 " 1860
- 10 " 1859 " 1862
- 11 " 1862 " 1869 (manuscript)
- 12 " 1840 " 1842
- 13 " 1842 " 1844
- 14 " 1848

5 Volumes Denmark Islands Acts

for 1842, 1843, 1844, 1846, 1847

- 1 old Book of Laws 1681 (manuscript)
- 1 Book Laws of Neris 13 pages written
- 8 Copies of Blue Book

for 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842 (2 copies each)

6 Books minutes of Court Q. Bench

- 1 from 1860 to 1863
- 2 " 1840 " 1842
- 3 " 1842 " 1843
- 4 " 1843 " 1845
- 5 " 1845 " 1849
- 6 " 1849 in present use

1 Bundle contg 10 small books as under

- 14 Rough minutes Q. B. Court
- from 1845 to 1854

5 Book of forms

- 68 Books ferry of Hills &c
- from 1830 to 1833
- " 1833 to 1841
- " 1849 to 1854

9 Rough Council minutes 1854

10 List of Orders (Acts)

2 Letter Books

- 1 from 1840 to 1841
- 2 " 1863 " 1865

1 Book contg List of Voters 1864

- 1 Book Claims of Voters 3 pages written
 3 Books records of Ct of Complaints
 1 from 1830 to 1846
 2 " 1841 " 1844
 3 " 1844

1 Book Summons of Court Q. B.
 2 " Issues

- 1 from 1840 to 1843
 2 " 1844 to 1846

2 Books contg Commissions

- 1 from 1839 to 1863
 2 " 1863 in use at present

9 Books contg Ships Bonds &
 from 1844 to 1864

1 Book for entry of Wills to
 begin and under 1844

1 Book int: Memo. of various matters contg acct of
 moneys rec. in re Tronduire vs W. Loren by late Sec. 1844

2 Books sales by Pro: marshals

- 1 from 1866 to 1842
 2 " 1842 " present time

5 Books of Court Executions

- 1 from 1862 to 1840
 2 " 1869 " 1845
 3 " 1845 " 1846 } in which are also honest & true
 4 " 1846 " 1844 } Executions previous to Aug 1844.
 5 " 1844 " present time

1 Book of Executions for House of Land Tax to 1844

2 Books proceedings Ann: Jurisdiction Court

- 1 from 1844 to 1845
 2 " 1845 " present time

1 Book contg Public officers bonds 1866 to present time

1 Book proceedings Supreme Court in Chambers

1 Book Sales in Incumbered Estate Court

- 2 Books proceedings in Incorporated Sols Court
 - 1 begun 1842 & cont. to present time
 - 2 " 1848 " " "

- 2 Books acct of Treas of Office
 - 1 begun 1843 ended 1844
 - 2 " 1848 & conts to present time

- 1 Diary Book 1844
- 1 Daily Receipt Book 1844
- 1 Stamp acct Book 1844
- 1 "Monthly Summaries" 1844
- 1 Day Book 1844
- 1 Book Appeal to Supreme Court 1844
- 1 Honor Book Supreme Court 1844
- 1 Ledger 1844
- 13 Testaments

- 1 Book Inventory and Sales
- 1 Book of Claims
- 1 Cash Book
- 1 Ledger
- 1 Journal

} these books are kept by the Provost Marshal as Adviser of Unrepresented States

Wm. H. ...
 Recd. from ...
 13 March 1879



April 10th 1879-

No meeting of Council held this day,

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Thursday
May 8th 1879

present

- His Honour Captain John Spencer Churchill. Actg Pres
- The Honourable John F Wylda Esquire
- The Honourable Joseph Theodore Thibou Esquire
- The Honourable Edward Maynard Esquire
- The Honourable Thos. Henry Hutchinson Esquire

His Honour Captain Spencer Churchill informed the Council that he had been duly appointed to act as President and Police Magistrate of Nevis, and that he had been sworn at Antigua.

His Honor laid the Governor's Commission of appointment before the Board.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion duly made and seconded.

The President laid the Treasurer's Cash Account for April 1879 on the table.

Mr Thibou obtained leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the compiling and printing of a new Edition of Laws of Nevis

Which Bill being ready was on motion by him made, and duly seconded, read a first time.

Mr Thibou then moved, and was seconded, that the Rules be suspended, to enable the Bill to be read a second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

Wm [Signature] [Signature]

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~~Whereupon the Board resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.~~

~~The Committee having considered the Bill rose, and reported that the Bill had passed Committee with slight amendments.~~

~~Mr Thibou then moved~~

Mr Thibou moved, seconded by Mr Wylde, that the Board do go into Committee on on the Bill.

Mr Maynard objected to Mr Thibou's motion, which on being put to the Board, passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows

For	Against
The Acting President	Mr: Maynard.
Mr Wylde	
Mr Hutchinson	
Mr Thibou	
4	1

The Board then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

In Committee, the blank in the 6th Clause was fill up "Two hundred pounds" Copies" and the blank in the seventh Clause was filled up "One Hundred and Fifty Copies"

The Committee having considered the Bill rose, and the Board resumed

Mr Thibou moved, and was seconded by Mr Wylde, that the Bill be read the third time on the Rules being suspended.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time.

On further motion by Mr Thibou, duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

Mr Wylde obtained leave to introduce and read a first time, "An Ordinance to continue the "Stamp Duty Act," No 7 of 1876.

On motion again made by Mr Wylde, and duly seconded, the Standing Orders were suspended

suspended, and the Ordinance was read a second time by title

The Ordinance having had its second reading, was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein read clause by clause, and having passed the Committee, the Board resumed, ~~and referred~~

Whereupon the Treasurer moved, and was duly seconded that the Ordinance be read the third time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Ordinance was read the third time.

On further motion by the Treasurer, duly seconded, the Ordinance was finally passed

The Council then rose sine die

Charles Foster
Clerk do Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

June 12th 1879.

Present

His Honour Captain J. S. Churchill, Acting Presdt

The Honble J. F. Wylde Official Member

The Honble Jos. J. Tibou " "

The Honble J. H. Hutchinson Unofficial "

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion by the Acting President, duly seconded by Mr Wylde

The Acting President laid the Treasurers Cash Account to 31st May last before the Board

Pursuant to notice given at the last meeting, Mr Hutchinson moved the following Resolution, which

which being seconded by Mr Thibou, was unanimously adopted.

"Resolved that the Government be requested to consider whether on the expiration of the Acts imposing Excise Duties, it would not be advisable to substitute an Ordinance providing that the Distilleries throughout the Island be taxed annually, according to Classes, as suggested by the accompanying Scale:— the present mode of raising the Excise Duty being irregular and inefficient."

The Honourables Edward Maynard and ~~the~~ Mordaunt Pemberton Esquires took their seats just as the Resolution was passed.

Mr Thibou drew the attention of the Council to the present uncleanly state condition of Charleston, and the Acting President was requested by the Council to call upon the Sanitary Officer for his more careful attention to his duties.

Mr Wylde gave notice of his intention to introduce at next meeting a Bill to amend the Act relating to the appointment of a Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr Edward Maynard gave notice of his that at the next meeting he would move a Resolution on the subject of a fresh importation of immigrants into this Island.

Mr Edward Maynard, moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr Pemberton.

"Resolved that as the Report furnished by the Registrar in compliance with a Resolution passed by this House on the 14th November 1878 with regard reference to the holding of the Courts of Justice, does not appear to furnish all the information called for by the Resolution, the Registrar be requested to amend the same, and supply all the further information that is required, — and that a Committee be appointed to assist the Registrar in completing such

such Report,

Mr Thibou opposed the Resolution,

After some discussion on it Mr Thibou withdrew his objection, and the Resolution was adopted.

Mr Edward Maynard moved and was seconded by Mr Pemberton, that the Standing Orders of the Council be suspended so far, as to enable him to move his Resolution respecting a fresh importation of immigrants into this Island, notice of which was given at an early stage of the business of the day.

The Acting President opposed the suspension of the Orders to enable the Resolution to be considered.

Whereupon the Council divided on the motion,

Before the Votes on the motion were taken however, it was agreed that the proposed Resolution in respect to immigration do lie on the Table till next meeting to enable the mover to introduce it in an amended form.

The Council then adjourned to the 19th instant,

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

June 19th 1879

No meeting of Council held this day. The Acting President being unavoidably absent, at Saint Kitts

Legislative Council
Thursday
July 10th 1879
Present

His Honor Capt. John Spencer-Churchill
Acting President

The Honourable Mordaunt Pemberton
The Honourable Jos. Theodore Thibou.
The Honourable Edward Maynard
The Honourable Thos. Henry Hutchison

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, on motion made by the President, and seconded by Mr Thibou

Before the Minutes were confirmed Mr Thibou moved the following Resolution

"It having been ascertained that this Council is incompetent to call for any ~~particular~~ returns of particulars concerning the Supreme Court without the authority of the Governor. Resolved that the motion made and passed at the meeting of the Council on ~~Monday~~ Thursday the 11th instant calling upon the Registrar to furnish a report of certain particulars concerning the said Court, being irregular, be expunged from the Minutes.

In support of the resolution, Mr Thibou read the following letter received by him from the Acting Chief Justice

Sir
Antigua, 13th June 1879

It having come to my knowledge that a motion has been made in the Legislative Council of the Presidency of St. Vincent, directing you to furnish a return shewing certain particulars connected with the Supreme Court of this Colony, I have the honour to call your attention to the fact that no returns of any description connected with the Supreme Court or any other Court in the Colony, can be called for without the authority of the Governor,

Governor _____ I have the honor to
 The Registrar (Sd) Henry J. Bampfden Hancock
 Supreme Court Acting Chief Justice
 News

Mr Thibou's resolution was not seconded
 Mr Edward Maynard opposed the Resolution,
 and moved, as an amendment, "That the Resolution
 referred to do remain in the Minutes of the 12th
 June last, and that the Letter read by Mr Thibou,
 be recorded in the Minutes of this day's proceedings

The Council divided on the Amendment, which
 passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows

For		Against
Mr Maynard		Mr Thibou
Mr Hutchinson		The President
Mr Pemberton	3	2

Mr Thibou's Resolution was considered -
 negatived

The President read the following Correspondence
 from the Colonial Secretary.

Leeward Islands No 1133 Sir	Colonial Secretary's Office Antigua, 18th June 1879
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I am directed by the Governor to trans-
 mit to you a copy of a letter ~~read~~ from the Acting
 Chief Justice, calling attention to the irregular
 manner in which certain Returns relating to the
 Supreme Court were called for the Legislative Council
 of Nevis, and furnished by the Registrar

I am to request that you will inform
 the Registrar that he is not to furnish any papers
 to from his Office, except on the order of the
 Governor, or President. This instruction is not to
 apply to any order given to the registrar by a
 Judge of the Supreme Court for documents
 required by him in connection with the Court

His Honour I am to
 President Churchill Edmund D Baynes
 Nevis Col. Secretary
 Enclosure

Enclosure in No 1133 of the 18th June 1879
Copy

Antigua 13th June 1879

Sir

I have the honour to report to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that it has come to my knowledge that the Legislative Council of Nevis have called for certain returns connected with the Supreme Court of this Colony, which returns have been presented by the Local Registrar, and have, I believe, been sent back to him for amendment

As no returns can be called for by any Council without the authority of the Governor, I have the honour to request that an intimation to that effect may be sent to the President of Nevis

I have myself cautioned all the Registrars on the subject of this irregularity which is calculated to lead to undesirable complications

I have &c

(Sd) Henry J. Burford Hancock
Acting Chief Justice

Pursuant to notice given by Mr Wyde on 12th June last, Mr Thibou read a first time a Bill to further amend the Act No 6 of 1876

Mr Thibou moved, and was seconded by Mr Hutchinson, that the Standing Orders be suspended, and the Bill be read a second time

Mr Maynard opposed the second reading of the Bill

The Council divided on the motion, which passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows:

For
Mr Thibou
Mr Hutchinson
The President

Against
Mr Maynard
Mr Perubaton

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The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Mr. Hibou moved, and was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Board for consideration.

Mr. Maynard opposed the motion, which on being put from the Chair, passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows:

For		Against	
Mr. Hibou		Mr. Maynard	2
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Pemberton	
The President		3	

The Bill was accordingly referred to a Committee of the whole Board and was duly considered.

The Committee having risen, the Board resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment.

Mr. Hibou moved, and was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, that the Bill be read the third time, the Standing Orders being considered as further suspended.

Mr. Maynard opposed the third motion, and the Council divided on it when it passed in the affirmative. Members voting as follows:-

For		Against	
Mr. Hibou		Mr. Maynard	2
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Pemberton	
The President		3	

The Bill was then read the third time.

Whereupon Mr. Hibou moved that the Bill do pass.

Mr. Maynard opposed the motion, which being put to the Board, passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows:-

For		Against	
Mr. Hibou		Mr. Maynard	2
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Pemberton	
The President		3	

The Bill was then declared finally passed.

Mr. Hibou obtained leave to introduce and read a first time, a Bill to impose a licence upon Boats and to regulate the carriage of passengers in them.

The Presidents read the following Correspondence received from the Colonial Secretary

Leeward Islands

Colonial Secretary's Office
Antigua 11th June. 1879.

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that, in the new contract with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the conveyance of the West India Mails - which will come into force on the 1st of January next, provision has been made for the conveyance of the Montserrat Mails, once a month outward and once a month homeward, by the steamers of that Company; and that a subsidy of £500 a year has been granted by Her Majesty's Government to the Company for that purpose.

I am also to state that the Postmaster General has given notice to Mr. Cassin to terminate, on the 31st December next, the contract under which the Mails are now carried between St. Kitts, Nevis, and Montserrat by sailing vessels; for which service a subsidy of £490 a year has hitherto been paid by Her Majesty's Government.

It will therefore be necessary that, after that date, provision should be made for the conveyance of the Nevis Mails, and also of the Montserrat Mails, on the occasions when the Royal Mail Steamers do not call at that Island.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have decided that such provision shall be made by the respective local governments, and a resolution has already been passed by the Montserrat Legislature agreeing to provide for the conveyance of its mails once a month by sailing vessels.

It only remains, therefore, for the Government of Nevis to make provision for the conveyance of its mails to St. Kitts to meet the Royal Mail Steamers, and I am to request that you will bring the subject to the notice of the Legislative Council of Nevis and report to me, at your earliest convenience, the arrangements proposed to be made for this purpose.

I am also to request that you will report whether it will be practicable for this service to be performed by the boats which now carry local mails daily between Parris and St. Kitts.

I am,

Sir

Your obedient servant
Edwin Baynes
Colonial Secretary

The Board expressed an opinion that the Boat at present employed in conveying the daily mails to St. Kitts, might be engaged to take the other Mails, the latter being placed in charge of Police Constable. And further that an additional Constable be enlisted for Parris on account of the extra duties.

Mr. Edward Maynard asked that the Accounts of the Infirmary for June Quarter be laid on the Table at a subsequent meeting.

The Council then adjourned to the 17th inst.

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
July 17th 1879.
present

His Honor Acting President Capt. J. Spenser-Sturcheville
The Honourable Jos. Theo. Hibon
The Honourable Mordaunt Pemberton
The Honourable Edward Maynard

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion duly made, and seconded.

Mr. Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Pemberton

Resolved - That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to obtain the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the introduction into this House, of a Bill authorising the raising of a loan, to be expended in paying the expenses of the introduction of Coolie immigrants, such loan to be obtained from the Colonial Bank or otherwise and to be repaid from the proceeds of the taxes already imposed upon the Produce exported from the Island for the purpose of Immigration and that if such export duty be deemed insufficient, that the same be increased to any extent that may be found necessary.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted

The Bill to impose a license upon boats and to regulate the Carriage of passengers in them, was read a second time, by title, on motion by Mr. Hibou, duly seconded.

Mr. Hibou then moved the Council into Committee on the Bill

The Committee having considered the Bill rose, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with some slight amendments.

The President informed the Council that he had been directed by the Governor to pay off the two last instalments of £400 each, due to the Colonial Bank on the Loan in aid of the revenue

The Council agreed with His Excellency that the loan should be paid off

The Council then rose sine die

Charles Fisher
Clerk Leg. Council

Legislative Council

Monday

August 6th 1879.

(Extraordinary Meeting)

presents

His Honor J. Spenser Churchill - Acting President

The Honourable W. D. Auchinleck, Acting Treasurer

The Honourable Jos. Thibou

The Honourable Edward Maynard

The Honourable Thos. Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion, duly made and seconded.

(The Honourable Mordaunt Pemberton took his seat)

The President informed the Council that the Governor had appointed Mr. W^m Douglas Auchinleck to act as Treasurer of Nevis, and an Ex Officio Member of the Council.

Mr. Auchinleck's Commission was read

The following report by the Auditor General, was read:

Report

on the proposed alterations in the Rum Duty Acts - Nevis.

It is proposed to abolish the Rum Excise Duty in Nevis, and to substitute for it a tax on stills, not regulated by the size or capacity of the still, nor by the quantity or strength of rum made by it, but by the number of Hogsheads of sugar made by the Estate on which the still may be.

It is well known that stills differ greatly in size and in construction. A large still made on modern principles being capable of making a larger quantity of spirit and of greater strength than one of the old pattern stills which are in use on many estates in Nevis, it would be therefore unfair to tax all stills the same.

The proposal shews that by selling

his rum at £13 per puncheon the planter would be the amount of the duty, and still receive as much for his rum, as he now does, but the price of rum, as of anything else, depends on demand and supply.

The demand is not likely to increase nor is it desirable that it should, while the supply would certainly increase under the new system, if adopted, because the greater number of puncheons made, the less per puncheon would be the proportion of the duty. With the larger supply the price would go down in proportion, or even more than the usual proportion, since the large manufacturer could always, for the reason just given, under sell the smaller one.

Under the Excise Law the sums paid for the rum, and for the duty on it, are quite distinct, the Retailer pays the one to the Planter, and the other to the Treasury. If the planter were to pay the duty by a still tax, and repay himself on a sale to the Retailer, the distinction would soon be lost sight of, and the tax be regarded as, an impost on the sugar Estate, perhaps as a grievance, and paid with reluctance. On the other hand the Excise duty is paid by the consumer in proportions too small to be felt by him.

By the existing law, Excise duty is paid only on Rum contained in the Island; by the proposed system, all rum made whether used in the Island, or exported, would bear a proportion of the duty. The manufacture of rum for export would be virtually prohibited, for the Nevis Planter would not send his rum into the English market burdened with a duty from which rum from other places was exempt.

For these reasons I am unable to recommend the adoption of the proposed plan.

(29) P. Burns

Auditor General

Auditor Office
July 30th 1879.

Mr. Shibou moved, and was seconded by Mr. Auchinleck, that a Bill to continue an Act intitled "An Act to repeal an Act intitled An Act to impose an Excise Duty on Rum, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof" be read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time

Mr. Shibou moved, and was seconded by Mr. Auchinleck, that a Bill to ~~repeal~~ consolidate and amend the laws in relation to the collection of the Excise Duty on Rum manufactured in this Island, be read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time

On motion by the President also seconded by Mr. Shibou the Bill was finally passed.

Mr. Edward Maynard moved the following Resolution No. I and was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson

Resolution I

Resolved. That the President be requested to obtain the permission of His Excellency the Governor, to introduce an Ordinance to encourage the destruction of rats in this Island, similar to the Act now in force in Barbados

The Resolution passed unanimously

The Council then adjourned to 3 o'clock of the 8th inst.

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Friday

August 8th 1879

present

His Honor Capt. J. Spencer Churchill
The Honourable W. P. Auchinleck
The Honourable Jos. Thos. Shibou
The Honourable Mordaunt Pemberton
The Honourable Edward Maynard

The Honourable Thos. H. Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion by the President, seconded by Mr. Thibou

The Orders of the day having been called Mr. Thibou moved, and was seconded by the President, that the Standing Orders be suspended, and the Bill "to continue An Act intituled an Act to impose an Excise Duty on Rum and to make other provisions in lieu thereof" be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill read a second time by title

On motion by Mr. Thibou, seconded by the President, the Council resolved itself in a committee of the whole to consider the Bill.

The Committee having considered the Bill rose, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee without amendment.

Whereupon, on motion by Mr. Thibou, duly seconded, the Bill read the third time

On further motion by Mr. Thibou, seconded by Mr. Auchinleck, the Bill was finally passed

The next item on the Orders of the Day having been called

Mr. Thibou moved, and was seconded by Mr. Auchinleck, that the Standing Orders be suspended and the Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws in relation to the collection of an Excise duty on rum manufactured in this Island be read a second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time by title.

On motion by Mr. Thibou seconded by Mr. Auchinleck, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill.

The Bill having been read through out in committee and passed, the Council resumed

and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee with a few slight amendments.

Whereupon, on motion by Mr. Thibou, duly seconded, the Bill was read the third time.

And on further motion by Mr. Thibou, also duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The Council then rose sine die

Charles Foster
Clerk of the Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

August 14th 1879

Present

His Honour Capt J Spencer Churchill, Act: Pres.

The Honourable W^m D Auchmutz, Treasurer

The Honourable Moordant Pemberton.

The Honourable Edward Maynard

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

President Churchill informed the Council that the Governor had conveyed to him for the information of the Board, the Postmaster General's approval of the arrangements submitted for the carriage of the Nevis Mails to and from Saint Kitts

The President informed the Council that the Governor had directed him to intimate to the Board that he had received their Resolution praying for the introduction of an Ordinance to raise a loan for defraying the expenses of the importation of a party of immigrants, which Resolution would be forwarded to the Secretary of State

H. C.

His Excellency however would draw ~~the~~ attention to the fact that the Resolution was not accompanied by any specific applications for immigrants

The Council then rose.

Charles Foster
Club Secretary

Legislative Council
Thursday
September 11th. 1879
present

His Honour Capt J Spencer Churchill. Official

The Honble W^m D Auchinleck. Official.

The Honble J^r. Theodore Thibau. Official

The Honble Edward Maynard, Unofficial.

The President informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor had appointed W. D. Auchinleck Esqrs an Official Member of the Council

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Auchinleck took his seat.

Col. Secretary
to President
No 1477-1879

The President read certain Correspondence received from the Governor relating to the withdrawal of the Sheedies from circulation

The Honorable J. H. Hutchinson took his seat while the Despatch was being read.

The President having brought the matter before the Council, the Board was of opinion that new clothing should be supplied to the Fire Brigade, also

That an insurance of One thousand pounds (£1000) should be effected on Queens House for next year, 1880.

Mr Edward presented a petition addressed to the Board by Mr Thomas Ross, Marshal's Bailiff, praying for a grant to him as an Allowance

Allowance for the keep of a horse

The petition was received by the Board, and His Honor was requested to recommend to the Governor a grant to the petitioner of ten pounds (£10) per annum.

The Council then rose

Charles Ford
Clerk High Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

October 14th 1879.

present

His Hon. Capt J Spence Churchill. President. Official

The Honourable Jos. Theo. Thibou do

The Honourable Mordaunt Pemberton. Un-official

The Honourable Thos. H. Hutchinson do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to prevent the unauthorized exportation of immigrants from this Island

Which Bill, on motion made by Mr Thibou and seconded by Mr Hutchinson, was read a ~~second~~ first time

The President informed the Council that he had received instructions to apply to the Council for a vote of £11,16.8 to defray the Treasurer's (Mr Auchmleck) travelling expenses from Antigua to Nevis, and for the sum of £200 for carrying on the repairs of the roads, the sum originally voted in the Estimates for roads having been expended

The Council voted the amounts

Mr Thibou made some remarks in respect to the sanitary condition of the Town

The

The President replied that measures had recently been taken to bring the Board of Health into working order, and he hoped that the nuisances complained of would shortly be removed.

The Council adjourned to the 2^d instant

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

October 23^d 1879

No meeting held, a quorum of Members not having attended.

November 13th 1879

No meeting held, President being on leave at Antigua

Legislative Council

Thursday

November 20th 1879.

present

His Honor President J. Spencer Churchill. Official
The Honble William Douglas Archibald. do
The Honble Jos. Theo. Whitou do
The Honble Edward Maynard Maynard. Unofficial
The Honble J. H. Hutchinson do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Ordinance to prevent the unauthorized exportation of immigrants from this Island, was, on motion by Mr. Hubow, and duly seconded, read a second time.

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The

The Committee having considered the Bill,
passed it

The Bill was then read a third time on
motion duly made and seconded

On further motion duly made and
seconded the Ordinance was finally passed.

The President introduced and read a
first time An Ordinance to authorize the General
Legislature to pass ~~laws~~ laws relating to Aliens,
Friendly Societies, and Commissions of Enquiry

The President moved the following
Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson,
and was unanimously carried.

Resolved that the following sums be granted
from the General Revenue for the undermentioned
Sources

Roads & Bridges: For purchase of Land to
form new line of road at Hades Bay £19. 18. 4.
For making new line of road at Remithee 50. 0. 0

The Council rose

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
December 11/1879.

Present

His Honor President J. Spencer Churchill.	Official
The Honble W. D. Hutchinson.	do
The Honble Jos. Theo. Thibou	do
The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton.	Unofficial
The Honble Edward Maynard	do
	The

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Bill to authorize the General Legislature to pass laws relating to Alien's, Friendly Societies and Commissions of Enquiry was read a second time, on motion by the President seconded by Mr. Thibau.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Committee having considered the Bill, passed it

On motion by the President, duly seconded, the Bill was read the third time

And on further motion also duly made and seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The President introduced the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1880. and they were read a first time.

The President read certain Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Local Postmaster in respect to a proposal to reduce the present rates of premium charged on Post Office Orders

The consideration of the matter was deferred to the 16th instant, to which date the Council adjourned

Charles Foster
 Secy. Genl. Council

Legislative Council
 Tuesday
 December 16th 1879
 present

His Honor President J. S. Churchill. Official
 The Honble W. D. Anchinleck To
 The Honble Jos. Theo Thibou To
 The Honble Edward Maynard Unofficial

The Minutes of the previous meeting
 meeting were read and confirmed

The President laid the Treasurer's
 laid the Treasurer's Cash Account to 30th
 November before the Board

In reply to some questions put by M^r
 Edward Maynard respecting the action
 recently taken by the Quarantine Board
 against Saint Kitts, the President the
 following Despatch from the Colonial
 Secretary.

(Appendix A)

The Orders of the Day having been
 taken up, the Estimates for 1880 were read
 a second time, on motion by M^r Thibou,
 duly seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a
 Committee of the whole on the Estimates

The Committee having passed the Estimates
 the Board resumed, and, on motion duly
 made, and seconded, they were read the third
 time and were finally passed

On motion by the Treasurer, duly
 seconded

seconded "A Bill to provide for the Service of the Island for the year 1880" was read a first time

On further motion by the Treasurer, also duly seconded, the Bill was read a second time

The Bill was then ~~read~~ referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and it having been considered and passed.

The Council resumed, and on motion by Mr. Thibou, seconded by the Treasurer, ~~it~~ was read the third time.

On further motion by Mr. Thibou also duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The Council rose

Charles Foster
Clerk of the Council

Leeward Islands

Appendix A

Colonial Secretary's Office

Antigua 11th Dec 1879.

No 2410

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 163 of the 29th ultimo, on the subject of the action recently taken by the Quarantine Board in enforcing quarantine against Saint Kitts

His Excellency has referred this matter to the Attorney General, by whom he is advised that the proceedings of the Board were irregular

Their functions do not come into operation until after the issue of a Proclamation by the Governor, under Section 11 of the Quarantine Act, declaring the Port

Port to be infected, or until after the President and Executive Council have made a declaration under Section 38 to the same effect

The jettison of the passengers if done spontaneously by the Board, was an illegal and unnecessary proceeding; if it is authorized by any Rules in force in Newis, His Excellency directs such Rules to be at once repealed

The Attorney General thinks the Act somewhat obscure, & in some points, and His Excellency has therefore requested him to prepare explanatory regulations under Section 5.

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

December 16th 1879.

present

~~His Honor President J. S. Churchill~~

1880

Legislative Council

Thursday

January 8th 1880

present

His Honor President J. Spencer Churchill.

The Honble W. D. Auchincloss

The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton

The Honble Thos. Henry Hutchenson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The suggestion from the Postmaster General, that the rates of premium now charged on the sale of Post Office Orders might be reduced, having been considered, the Council expressed opinion that the present rates should be retained

The President gave notice of his intention to introduce at the next meeting, a Bill to make further provision for the Service of the Island for the year 1879.

The Council adjourned to the 15th instant

Charles Loder

Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

January 15th 1880

present

His Honor President J. S. Churchill.

The Honble W. D. Auchincloss

The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton.

The Honble T. H. Hutchenson

The Honble Edward Maynard.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1879 was read a first time, on motion by
The

the President, seconded by the Treasurer.

Mr Edward Maynard moved, and was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, that the President do request the permission of His Excellency the Governor for the Council to vote the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds (£150) for the relief of the Sufferers from the recent flood at Saint Fitts

The Resolution was unanimously agreed to.
The Council rose

Charles Jones
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council

~~February~~

Thursday

January 29th 1880

present

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|---|-------------------|
| His Honor Acting President J. Schuchill | } Official |
| The Honourable W D Anckuleck | |
| The Honourable Alexander Robertson | |
| The Honourable Thos. Henry Hutchinson | } Unof-
ficial |
| The Honourable Edward Maynard | |

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President moved, and was seconded, that the Bill to make further provision for the Service of the Island for the year 1879 be read a second time

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was accordingly read

The Bill was then referred to a Committee of the whole Council

The Committee having considered the Bill, passed it, and the Board resumed.

On motion by the President, seconded by

by Mr. Hutchinson, the Bill was read the third time

On further motion duly made and seconded, the Bill was finally passed

The President moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and unanimously adopted

Resolved that the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds (£150) be granted from the General Revenue of this Island in aid of the Sufferers from the flood at Basseterre, Saint Kitts.

The President stated that he had been desired by the Governor to obtain the opinion of the Board on the subject of the following Communication establishments of a Meteorological Observatory at Antigua ~~as~~ communicated in Secretary of States Circular "Leeward Islands No 215 dated 19th November 1879"

The Board having considered the matter, expressed the opinion that as Antigua stood in the same relation towards the projected Institution as the Colonies of the Bahamas, Bermuda, and British Honduras, — being unconnected with the Telegraphic System of the West Indies, she would not derive any benefit from the Scheme; and on that account had been omitted by the Secretary of State in his proposed apportionment of the expense.

The Council then rose.

Charles Fox
 Clerk of Council

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February 12th 1880
(Thursday)

No meeting held, a quorum of
Members not having assembled.

No Business on the "Orders of
the Day Book"

Charles Fisher
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
March 11th 1880

present

His Honour Acting President, Capt J. S. Churchill.

The Honourable W. D. Auchinleck.

The Honourable Mr. Theodor Thibou

The Honourable Edward Maynard

The Honourable Thomas Henry Hutchinson

~~The Honourable Alexander Gempston.~~

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

The President laid before the Board the
Treasurer's Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for
February last.

On motion made by the President and
seconded by Mr. Thibou, the Board passed the
following votes

For supplying bedding for the Police £18. 14. 0
" refunding unexpired portions
of Boat Licenses 1879 ----- 9. 0. 0

The President moved the following
Resolution, and was seconded by Mr. Thibou.

Resolved that the sum of fifty pounds
(£50) per annum be granted from the
General Revenue as the salary of the Assistant
to the Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr Maynard opposed the Resolution,
which, on being put to the vote, passed in the
affirmative

affirmative, Members voting as follows.

For	Against
The President	Mr Maynard
Mr. Auchinleck	Mr Hutchinson
Mr. Pemberton	
Mr Thibou 4	2.

The President informed the Council that the inefficient state of the Fire Brigade had led him to recommend to the Governor that the Brigade be abolished; and that the sum hitherto expended in its maintenance be appropriated for insuring the several Public Buildings against Fire.

The Council fully concurred in the President's views.

The Council then rose.

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

May 13th 1880.

present

His Honor Acting President Capt J. Churchill

The Honourable William Douglas Auchinleck.

The Honourable Joseph Theodore Thibou.

The Honourable Thomas Henry Hutchinson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Thibou, and unanimously carried.

That the following sums be granted from the General Revenue for the undermentioned Services

For building a pavement on the road leading from Queens Road to the Main Road	£ 50,0,0
Repairing road at Shades Bay	100,0,0
Enclosing Gallery of Treasury House	14,0,0

The

The President informed the Council that the Secretary of State's authority for passing an Ordinance to encourage the destroying of rats had been received, and that a Draft Bill would shortly be submitted to the Board.

The Council were of opinion that the Public Buildings should be insured at the following valuations

The Court House £900

“ Treasury 500

“ Police Station 200

The Orders of the Day being taken up, the following petition from Charles Saunders was read

To His Honour the President
and the Honourable Members
of the Legislative Council of the
Presidency of New

The humble petition of the undersigned
inhabitant of the Presidency ~~here~~

Humbly Sheweth

That on the 1st day of January last your petitioner commenced to carry the ~~mails~~ English and Inter-Colonial Mails from this Island to Saint Kitts, and to convey the return Mails to New

That the small sum of two pounds ~~per~~ per month which has hitherto been paid your petitioner, for running the Mails is totally inadequate to compensate him for the inconvenience, loss of time and expense sustained at Saint Kitts while awaiting there the arrival of the Royal Mail Steam Packet

That frequently several days are consumed in this manner, and in the interim, your petitioner and the crew of the Mail Boat have to be kept up at all hours of the night. And further, that Your petitioner is bound to proceed on his voyages on any day, at any hour, and in the most inclement and boisterous weather

Your petitioner therefore
humbly prays that Your
Honourable

Honourable House will take into favourable consideration the circumstances of his case, and grant him such an additional amount to his present contract, as in your wisdom may be deemed meet

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray

Charlestown

11th March 1880. (Sd) Charles Saunders

The Council agreed that they could not recommend the prayer of the petition to the Governor, as they were of opinion that the sum paid was fully remunerative for the Service performed.

The Council then rose

Charles Fawcett
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

June 10th 1880

present

His Honor Acting President Capt A. S. Churchill

The Honourable W. D. Archibald

The Honourable Jos. Theo. Thibou

The Honourable Edward Maynard

The Honourable Thos Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President informed the Council that the Governor had decided not to abolish the Fire Brigade, as was recommended by the Council on the 11th March last, in which case he would suggest that the insuring of the ^{Public} Buildings should be deferred till next year,

year, the cost of the Insurance to be included in that year's Estimates.

The President laid the Treasurer's Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments to 31st May 1880, before the Board.

The Council rose

Charles Price
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
June 17th 1880.

present

- His Honor Acting President Capt J. S. Churchill.
- The Honourable William Douglas Auchinleck.
- The Honourable Joseph Theodore Thibou.
- The Honourable Edward Maynard.
- The Honourable Thomas Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Thibou, that a Bill to encourage the destroying of rats be read a first time by title.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a first time.

The President moved, seconded by Mr Thibou, that the Standing Rule be suspended, to enable the Bill being proceeded with.

The motion being agreed to, the Bill was read a second time, and was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein read clause by clause, and passed.

The Bill having passed the Committee, on motion by the President, seconded by Mr Thibou, it was read the third time.

On further motion by the President, also duly

duly seconded, the Bill was ~~read the~~ finally passed.

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Hutchinson, that a Bill "to provide for the repairs of the Public Roads and for the appointment of a Superintendent of the same and of the Public Works" be read a first time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a first time by title.

The Council then rose *sine die*.

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

July 8th 1880

present

His Honour Jno. Sepence Churchill, Act President

The Honble W. D. Auchinleck

" " Joseph Theodore Shitou

" " Thos Henry Hutchinson

" " Edward Maynard

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President laid the Treasurer's Cash Account to 30th June on the Table.

The President introduced a Bill "to impose a license upon boats and to regulate the carriage of passengers in them"; and on motion duly made and seconded, the Bill was read a first time by title.

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Hutchinson, that the Bill to provide for the repairs of the Public Roads and for the appointment of a Superintendent of the same and of the Public Works be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

The question for the ~~third~~ second reading of the Bill having passed in the affirmative

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affirmative, the Bill was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board; and was therein read Clause by Clause, and passed

The President submitted certain Rules to the Committee, "for keeping in order the roads in the Island of St. Peter"

The Rules having been considered, the Board resumed.

Mr Hutchinson gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting, a Resolution respecting the rate of duty to be fixed in the proposed Excise Duty amendment Ordinances

The Council adjourned to the 15th instant

Charles Foster
Clerk Secy. Council

July 15th 1880

No meeting held this day

Charles Foster
Clerk Secy. Council

Legislative Council

Wednesday,

August 14th 1880.

present

His Honour John Spencer Churchill, Acting President

The Honourable W. D. Buchinleck

" " Joseph Theodore Gibou

" " Thomas Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Buchinleck obtained leave to introduce a Bill to amend the laws in relation to the collection of the Excise Duty on rum manufactured in this Island,

Which

Which Bill, being ready, was on motion by him made, and seconded by Mr. Shibou, read a first time by title

Mr. Auchinleck moved, again seconded by Mr. ~~Auchinleck~~ Shibou, that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a second time.

The question for the second reading of the Bill having passed in the affirmative, the Bill was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein read clause by clause, and passed.

The Council having resumed, Mr. Auchinleck moved, seconded by Mr. Shibou, that the Bill be read a third time; and the Bill was accordingly read the third time.

And on further motion by Mr. Auchinleck duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

Mr. Auchinleck then moved, seconded by Mr. Shibou, that a Bill "To impose an Excise Duty on Rum" be read a first time.

The Bill was read a first time.

On further motion by Mr. Auchinleck, duly seconded, the Standing Orders were suspended and the Bill read a second time.

The Bill having passed its second reading, was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein read clause by clause.

Arriving at the duration clause in the Bill, the Committee divided on the question of the Bill's duration, Mr. Auchinleck suggesting one year, and the President three years.

The sense of the Committee was then taken, members voting as follows

For one year		For three years
Mr. Auchinleck		Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Shibou	3	The President

The votes being equal, the President gave his casting vote in favour of ~~the~~ three years, and the Bill

Bill was accordingly declared to be for three years' duration.

The Bill having now passed the Committee, the Board resumed, and on motion by Mr Auchinleck, duly seconded, the Bill was read the third time.

On further motion by Mr. Auchinleck, also duly seconded, the Bill was ~~read~~ finally passed.

On motion by the President, seconded by Mr Auchinleck, the following Bills were read a first time.

An Act to amend the Act No 9th dated 11th November 1859 entitled "An Act to impose a tax on the tonnage of all ships or vessels entering inwards at the port of Charleston, and to appropriate the revenue derived therefrom to certain purposes."

An Act to amend the Act No 19 of 1878 entitled "An Act to establish a Fire Brigade."

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Hutchinson, that the following sums be granted for the undermentioned Services

In aid of building Anglican School Room at Gungahlan	£95.0.0
Expenses for accommodation of Courts	48.0.0
For fencing round Infirmary	44.0.0
	<u>£187.0.0</u>

The votes were unanimously agreed to, and
The Council then rose

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

August 12th 1880.

present

His Honour John Spencer Churchill, Act President

The Honourable W J Auchinleck.

The Honourable Joseph Theodore Gibson.

The Honourable Thos. Henry Hutchinson

The Honourable Edward Maynard.

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The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Orders of the Day being taken up, the Bill "to provide for the repairs of the Public Roads and for the appointment of a Superintendent of the same and of the Public Works" was read a third time, on motion by the President, duly seconded.

On further motion by the President, also duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

Mr Auchinleck moved, and was seconded by Mr Thibou, that the Bill "to impose a tax upon Coats and to regulate the carriage of passengers in them" be read a second time

The Bill was read a second time

The Bill was then referred to a Committee of the whole Board, but before it was read the Committee postponed its consideration for next meeting.

Mr Auchinleck moved, and was seconded by Mr Thibou, that the Bill to amend the Tonnage Act, No 9th of 1859, be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Bill was then referred to a Committee of the whole Board and was duly considered and passed.

On motion by Mr Auchinleck, duly seconded, the was read the third time

On further by Mr Auchinleck, also duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The President moved, and was seconded by Mr Auchinleck, that the Bill to amend the Fire Brigade Act No 19 of 1872 be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time

The Bill then referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein considered and passed.

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The President moved the following Resolution, and was seconded by Mr Hutchinson

Resolved that the further sum of £350 be granted from the General Revenue for continuing the general repairs of the Public Roads.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Edward Maynard, and agreed to by the Board, that the Governor be requested to sanction a vote for £150 for repairing certain bye roads particularly the road leading to Indian Castle

The Council concurred in the proposition of the Secretary of State respecting the maintenance in India of disabled coolies by coolie unporting colonies, after their return to India.

The Council rose

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Thursday.

September 9th 1880.

present

His Honor J Spencer Churchill	Acting President
The Honourable W ^m Douglas Auchinleck.	Official
The Honourable Jos. Theodore Shebow.	Official
The Honourable Mordaunt Pemberton.	Unofficial
The Honourable Edward Maynard.	Unofficial

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Board resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to impose a license upon Boats, and to regulate the carriage of passengers in them, on motion by the President duly seconded.

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The Bill having passed the Committee, on motion by the President seconded by Mr. Auchinleck it was read the third time.

And on motion by Mr. Gibou, also seconded by Mr. Auchinleck, the Bill was finally passed.

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act No 131 of 1865 entitled "An Act to repress trespass of Stock"

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion by the President, duly seconded, read a first time.

The President informed the Council that the building of the bridge at Bridge Shant and the Sea-Wall at Shades Bay had to be stopped for the present, as the sum voted for the Works had been exhausted.

The Council agreed in thinking that the Sea-wall at Shades Bay should be proceeded with and completed; and the Board pledged itself to vote the sum necessary to complete it, when the Government should apply for such vote.

The Council was also of opinion that the following items of expenditure might be inserted in the Estimates for 1881.

Building a Police Barrack at Newcastle	£ 250
Opening a road from Currain to Windward	400
Relaying upper floor to Court House	150

The Council rose

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
October 14th 1880

present

His Honor Acting President A. S. Churchill
The Honourable W. D. Auchinleck
" " Joseph Theodore Thibou
" " Edward Maynard
" " Thomas Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The "Orders of the Day" being called, the "Bill to amend the Act No 131 of 1865 entitled 'An Act to repress of Stock'" was read a second time, on motion by the President, seconded by Mr Auchinleck.

The Bill having passed its second reading, was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein read clause by clause and passed without amendment.

Whereupon the President moved, seconded by Mr Auchinleck, that the Bill be read the third time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time

On further motion by the President, also duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The President obtained leave to introduce a "Bill for taking the Census of Nevis"

Which Bill, being ready, was, on motion by the President duly seconded, read a first time.

The President introduced and laid on the Table, the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Presidency for the year 1881.

On

On motion being made that the Estimates be considered, the Board agreed to postpone their consideration for the next meeting

Mr Edward Maynard gave notice to move the following Resolution at the next meeting

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expenditure of the money that has been spent on the bridge now being built in Fig Tree parish.

The Council adjourned to the 19th Inst

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council

Tuesday

October 19th 1880.

present

- His Honor Acting President J. S. Churchill
- The Honourable W. D. Auchincloss
- “ “ Joseph Theodore Gibson
- “ “ Thomas Henry Hutchinson
- “ “ Edward Maynard

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

On motion by the President, duly seconded, the Board went into Committee on the Estimates for 1881.

After the Estimates had been considered, they were passed by the Committee with some slight alterations, and adopted and passed by the Council

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The President moved, and was seconded by Mr. Thibou that the Bill for taking the Census of Heris be read a second time

The motion having passed in the affirmative, the Bill read, and then submitted to a Committee of the whole Board; and was considered and passed by such Committee

Mr. Thibou then moved, duly seconded, that the Bill be read the third time

The motion having also passed in the affirmative, the Bill read the third time, and on further motion by Mr. Thibou, duly seconded, was finally passed.

Mr. Edward Maynard, in terms of notice given at the last meeting, moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and unopposed by the Board.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expenditure of the Money that has been spent on the bridge now being built in Fig Tree parish

The President then named Mr. Thibou, Mr. Edward Maynard and Mr. Hutchinson to compose the Committee.

Mr. Thibou moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and unanimously agreed to by the Board.

Resolved that the further sum of £100 (One hundred pounds) be granted from the General Revenue for completing the Causeways and Sea-wall at Shades Bay; and £50. (Fifty pounds) for repairing the Crauch road from New River to Indian Castle.

The Council then rose.

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
November 11th 1880.

present

His Honor Acting President J. S. Churchill
The Honble William Douglas Auchinleck
" " Joseph Theodore Hibou
" " Thomas Henry Hutchinson
" " Edward Moynard

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee appointed on the 19th October to enquire into and report upon the expenditure of the bridge at ~~B~~ being built at Bridge Shant brought up their Report, which was read and was as follows.

(Appendix A)

The Report was adopted by the Board, and the Council rose.

(Appendix A)

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Appendix A

Report of The Committee of the
Legislative Council of Nevis appointed
to enquire into the expenditure of Money in the
erection of a Bridge at Figue parish - Nevis

Charlestown

10th November 1880

To His Honor

Captain Churchill - President,
and Double Member of the Council.

Your Committee have the honor to report that having enquired into all matters in connection with the work and having taken the Statements of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, and of Samuel Mills the mason, we are unanimous in the opinion that there has not been sufficient supervision of the work.

This your committee think is in consequence of there being two extensive works in hand at the same time - The attention of these Officers being divided between this work and that at Kades Bay.

The amount expended for lime appears large, being at the rate of one hogheads to ten perches of Mason work, which a majority of the Committee consider excessive as six barrels of lime is ample for that quantity of work.

The lime supplied for the work we are of opinion may have been delivered short as it was not measured by anyone on receipt of it - and it was carted (as we are informed) by the same man who some time ago carted

lime

lime to the "Gingerland school-house", which was found to be nearly 50 per cent less at the time of delivery than the supposed quantity.

And the Committee do not consider Mr. Mills the Mason competent to judge of the correctness of the lime without having measured it.

We annex hereto Copy of a Statement handed to the Committee by Mr. Korkright by which it would appear that after giving Credit for materials on hand the cost of the work up to the present time is £75. 11. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ per perch.

A majority of the Committee consider the cost of "filling in" very excessive and the expenditure for platform Straight edge Drawing boards &c was unnecessary as the plans could have been drawn on paper.

The Committee have ascertained that one Joseph Bartlet a headman of the work committed a fraud upon the Assistant Supt in preparing one week's labour Sheet whereby £2. 2. 10 in excess of the proper amount, was paid for labour. Mr. James states that he discovered the fraud before paying out the money notwithstanding which the money was paid by him. He afterwards recovered £12. 0, which he returned to the Treasury. The balance of 10s however has been lost to the country, and Bartlet has absconded.

The Committee are of opinion that Mr. James having discovered the fraud beforehand should not have paid the money, and think that at any rate for that week he should have paid the labourers himself instead of deputing Mr. Mills who was employed

in

in Bartlett's stead.

Your Committee think and would recommend to the Government the advisability of not authorizing in future more than one extensive public work to be undertaken at the same time which may require the Supervision of the Superintendent or his Assistant - While a majority would suggest that the Bridge be completed by contract: and to this end, that tenders be invited, and the Contractor be required to give security for the efficient performance of the work. And that the Supt of Public Works be required to satisfy the contractor that his statements are correct as to the quantity of work completed, as also the quantity of Materials on hand.

1001 Edward Maynard

1001 J. N. Hutchinson

1001 J. L. Gibson

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Committee
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Legislative Council
Thursday
December 9th 1880
present

His Honour Acting President J. Churchill
The Honble William Douglas Archibuteck
" " Edward Maynard
" " Thomas Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President laid before the Board the Treasurer's Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments to 30th November 1880

On motion made by the President, and seconded by the Treasurer, the following Papers and Bills were read a first time.

1. Supplementary Estimates 1880.
2. Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance for 1880.
3. Appropriation Ordinance for 1881.

The President informed the Council that he had received instructions to submit for the consideration of the Board, a proposition whether, in view of Dr Burke's retirement on 1st January next year, the Island may not be divided into two Medical Districts instead of its present division into three Districts

It was thought by the Board that as the Dog tax was to some extent considered vexatious, and its collection troublesome, while the revenue derived from it was small, it might be discontinued. The Council adjourned to the 13th inst.

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
Monday
December 13th 1880.

Present

His Hon. Acting President J. S. Churchill.
The Honble William Douglas Auchinleck.
" " Joseph Theodore Thibau.
" " Thomas Henry Hutchinson.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

On motion by Mr Auchinleck, duly seconded, the Board resolved into committee of the whole for considering the Supplementary Estimates for 1880.

The Committee having considered the Estimates and passed them, they were adopted and passed by the Council.

Mr Auchinleck obtained leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Service of the Island of Morris for the year 1880.

Which Bill, being ready, was on motion made by him, and duly seconded, read a first time.

~~The Bill then referred to~~

Mr Auchinleck then moved, and was seconded, that the "Standing Orders" be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a second time.

The motion having passed in the affirmative, the Bill was read and ~~was~~ then forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board.

The Committee having passed the Bill, on motion by Mr Auchinleck, duly seconded, it was read the third time.

On further motion duly made and seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The President introduced and read a
Bill

first time a "Bill to make provision for the Service of the Island of New for the year 1881."

The President further moved, again seconded by Mr Auchinleck, that the "Standing Orders" be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a second time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Bill was then referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein considered and passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read the third time, on motion by the President, seconded by Mr Auchinleck.

And on further motion duly made and seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The Council rose sine die

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

1881

January 13th 1881

No meeting, a Quorum not having assembled

Charles Drake
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

February 10th 1881

Present

His Honor Charles Spencer Salmon, President
The Honble W. G. Auchinleck, Official ~~Ex-Officio~~
The Honble Joseph J. Thibou do ~~Ex-Officio~~
The Honble J. H. Hutchinson, ~~Unofficial Nominated~~

absent

The Honble M. Pemberton Unofficial ~~Nominee~~
" " Ed: Maynard do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

On motion by the President, seconded by Mr Auchinleck, the Board voted the sum of £50 as the probable cost of passage from England of a Medical Officer for District No 2.

The President informed the Board that he had received instructions from the Governor to ask the Council to vote the sum of (£10) Ten pounds, to remunerate Doctor Huggins for treating two special cases of fractures to old and infirm men in his District in 1880.

The Board expressed their willingness to vote the amount provided no portion of it was a charge for professional ^{services} which they considered

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Dr Huggins was required to afford gratuitously, he being a District Medical Officer.

The President replied that he was unable to supply the particulars of the claim then, but would do so at next meeting.

Mr Shibow was of opinion that Convict Labour might advantageously be employed in repairing the Streets and cleaning the Town, as well as other Works of Public Utility within the Town.

The Board concurred in this opinion, and the President said he would make the matter the subject of Communication with the Governor.

The Council then rose

Charles Fortin
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
March 11th 1881

	present		
Hon. C. S. Salmon	President	}	Official
Hon. W. D. Archibutek	Treasurer		do
" J. S. Shibow	Reg. Mar.		do
" J. H. Hutchinson		}	Unofficial
" Ed. Maynard			do
	absent		
" Mordant Pemberton			Unofficial

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following petition from Dr Huggins respecting the care and treatment of the two men, referred

referred to at last meeting, was read.

(Appendix A)

Whereupon Mr Shibou moved that Dr Huggins be required to furnish a Statement of the actual cost incurred for the care of the two men.

Mr Shibou's motion was not put to the vote, as it was subsequently agreed that the £10 be voted, and paid to Dr Huggins on his satisfying the President that no portion of it was for Professional Services.

The sum was accordingly voted.

On motion by Mr Shibou, and seconded by Mr Auchinleck - agreed to by the Board, the following votes were passed

An annual Pension to Doctor Ulick Edmund, Burke on his retiring from office, of £110.0.0	
Salary of a Sec keeper	12.0.0

Mr Auchinleck obtained leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the Act No 14 of 1872 entitled "An Act to establish a Savings Bank"

Which Bill being ready was on motion by him made, and duly seconded, read a first time by title.

Mr Shibou drew the attention of the Board to the frequent absences of Mr Mordaunt Pemberton from meetings of the Council, and on reference to the Records it was ascertained that Mr Pemberton had not attended any meeting since the 9th September 1880.

On the question being raised whether or not

— Appendisc —

To His Excellency George Berkeley -
G. M. & Governor of the Leeward -
Islands . & & &

The humble petition of Peter
Thomas Huggins, Medical Officer of District No 3 in -
this Islands
Sheweth

That in the year 1878 two poor
men respectively named George Henley and James
Johnson, having sustained fractures of the leg, were brought
to your petitioner at his residence for treatment.

That your Petitioner had to
attend them.

They were not able to return to
their homes, and your petitioner was necessitated to
provide a shelter for them, where he attended and
supplied them with necessaries and medicines for several
weeks until they recovered

That the said two men are
poor, and it is not in their power to pay your
petitioner for his attendance, nor even to reimburse him
in the slightest manner for the outlay he made for their
support and care during their illness, which leaves your
petitioner out of pocket of sums actually expended and
liable for outlays still unsatisfied

Yours

Your petitioner therefore humbly
prays your Excellency to take this matter into
consideration and allow him from the Public
Funds of the Island, the small sum of five
pounds for each case, that he may not be the loser
by discharging duties which devolved upon him other
than those required of him by the Government.

And your petitioner will ever
pray

(28) J. J. Higgins

24 Decr 1881.

not Mr Pemberton had forfeited his seat, under the provisions of the Constitution Act, the President informed the Board that he would communicate with the Governor on the subject, with the view of obtaining the Crown Law Officers opinion.

The Council then rose

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

April 14th No meeting. Mrs Salmon ill

May 12th 1881

present

Hon ^{ble} Hon: W D Archibutek, Act: President.	} Official
The Honble Jos J Tibou. Reg: & Mar:	
" J H Hutchinison.	} Unofficial

absent

The Hon Mordaunt Pemberton	} Unofficial
" Edward Maynard	

No meeting, a Quorum not having assembled

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

May 19th 1881

(Extraordinary meeting called)

present

Hon ^{ble} Hon: W D Archibutek, Act: President.	} Official
The Hon: J. J. Tibou. Reg & Mar.	
" " Edward Maynard	} Unofficial

absent

Honbles M Pemberton & J. H. Hutchinison.

No

No meeting, a Quorum not having assembled.

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
May 23rd 1881
(Extraordinary meeting)
present

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| Hon. W. H. Archibuck, | Actg President, | Official |
| The Hon. J. S. Gibson, | Reg. Mar. | Official |
| " " | Edward Moynard | Unofficial |
| " " | Mordant Pemberton | Unofficial |
| " " | J. F. ^{absent} Hutchinson | Unofficial |

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Acting President informed the Board that President Salmon having submitted to the Governor the Question raised on the 11th March last as to whether or not Mr Pemberton's seat in the Council had been forfeited under the provisions of the Constitution Act, in consequence of his frequent absences from meetings of the Board, His Excellency had replied "that it was unnecessary to amend the Act to meet Mr Pemberton's case, but that his attention would be called to his ~~absent~~ absences from the Council meetings, and be informed that the Governor expects him to attend such meetings regularly."

The Acting President informed the Board that he had received instructions from the Governor to apply for the following votes

For repairing the Gingerland Bridge, which had

had been reported by the Superintendent of Public Works to be unsafe for traffic
L 63.9.9

For purchasing Hoses and other Appliances for the Fire Brigade Service 85.0.0

For bringing up arrears of Births and Deaths in General Registers 10.0.0

On motion made by the President, and duly seconded, the several sums were voted, the Board however expressing their intention not to pass any future charge for bringing up arrears of Births and Deaths, as they were of opinion that the duty of keeping the General Registers posted should be performed in the Registrar General's office without extra charge on the Public

The Orders of the Day being called, Mr. Tibou moved the second reading of the Bill "to repeal the Savings Bank Act No 14 of 1872 and to make other provisions in lieu thereof".

The motion being duly seconded the Bill was read a second time

The Bill having passed its second reading, it was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Council, and having been considered therein, was passed with some amendments.

On motion by Mr. Tibou, seconded by Mr. Pemberton, the Bill was read the third time

On further motion by Mr. Tibou, duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

Mr. Moynard moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Pemberton, and adopted by the Board

Resolved that a Statement be laid before this

This Board shewing what roads should according to the Road Act be repaired by the Public, and what roads have been repaired; also how much of the amount granted for repairs has been already exhausted.

The Council then rose.

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

June 9th 1881

present

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|--------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Hon. W. G. Archibald. Act President. | } | Official |
| Hon. Jos I. Shaw. Reg. & Mar. | | Official |
| Hon. Edward Maynard | } | Unofficial |
| absent | | |
| Honble J. H. Hutchinson | } | Unofficial |
| absent | | |

No meeting, a Quorum not having assembled

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Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Note: - July 14th 1881

No meeting, in consequence of death of Acting President's mother.

Legislative Council
Wednesday
July 20th 1881
(Extraordinary meeting)

present

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| His Hon. W. D. Hutchinson, Act. President, | } Official |
| The Hon. Jos. T. Whitow, Reg. & Ch. Marshal, | |
| " " Thomas H. Hutchinson | } Unofficial |
| " " Edward Maynard | |

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and an amendment having been proposed and adopted, they were confirmed

The Acting President laid before the Board the Statement requested by Mr Maynard's Resolution of 23rd May last, also

The Treasurer's Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments to 30th June 1881.

The Acting President moved, and was seconded by Mr Hutchinson, that the sum of (£60) Sixty pounds be granted from the General Revenue to pay the passages from England of President and Mrs Salmon

The sum was unanimously voted.

The President informed the Board that he had received instructions from the Governor to invite the concurrence of Honble Members in a Scheme proposed by the Government Secretary of British Guiana for the establishment of an Inter-colonial Post office Money Order System.

The Correspondence on the subject having been read, they were ordered to lie on the Table for consideration.

The Acting President informed the Board that

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that the Governor had withheld his Assent to the Savings Bank Bill recently passed, the Attorney General having taken objection to some of the alterations from the Act of 1872; and asked leave to introduce a Bill amended according to the Attorney General's views

Leave being granted, the Amended Bill was read a first time by title.

Mr Hutchinson drew the attention of the Board to the existence of Small Pox at Trinidad, and urged the advisability of the provisions of the Vaccination Act being more strictly enforced

The Acting Resident stated that he would give the matter his attention

The Council rose

Charles Fort
Clerk of Council

Note: - On 3^d August
~~On April 3^d~~ an Extraordinary Meeting was called for the 5th, when no meeting was held a Quorum not attending

present

The Honble W. D. Auchincloss, Acting Resident

" " J. J. Hibon

" " J. H. Hutchinson

absent

The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton

" " Edward Maynard

Charles Fort
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council
Monday
August 8th 1881

present
His Hon. W. D. Auchmutz, Actg. President, Ex officio
The Hon. Jos. Theodore Thibou, Reg. Secy, do
The Hon. Thomas H. Hutchinson, unofficial
The Hon. Edward Maynard do

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Mr Thibou moved, and was seconded by Mr Hutchinson, that the following sums be voted for the under-mentioned Services.

Roads:-		
General repairs	_____	£ 200.0.0
Works & Buildings:-		
Petty Repairs	_____	50.0.0
Repairs to Jetty	_____	45.0.0
Causeways and retaining Walls on roads	_____	95.0.0
		<u>390.0.0</u>

The sums were unanimously voted by the Board.

The Orders of the Day being taken up, the Board called for consideration, the proposal by the Government Secretary of British Guiana for the establishment of an inter-Colonial Post Office Money Order System.

The Council having considered the proposal, were of opinion that it was desirable to include this Presidency in the Scheme, adopting such Rules for its working, as might

might finally be laid down by the Government of the Colony.

The Council rose

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
Saturday
September 30 1881
(Extraordinary Meeting)
present

His Hon. W. D. Archinleck, Act. Pres.	} Exec Office do unofficial do do
The Hon J. J. Thibou Reg & Marshal	
Shepton Mordaunt Richardson, L.C.	
" " Thos. H. Hutchinson	
" " Edward Moynard	

The Acting President informed the Council that the Governor had convened the meeting for the purpose of addressing the Board.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Howley Glover, K. G. C. M. G. having arrived at the Council Hall, attended by his Private Secretary and A. D. C., was pleased to address the Council as follows:

Mr President, and Gentlemen of the Honourable Legislative Council of New Zealand
Having been appointed by the Queen to
the

The Government of the Leeward Islands, it gives me great pleasure to meet you so soon after my assumption of the Government.

On the present occasion there is only one subject to which I would ~~draw~~ specially direct your attention, that is the amalgamation into one Presidency of the Islands of Nevis and Saint Kitts. I think this would be particularly advantageous to Nevis, as the assimilation of her ~~Town~~ ^{Town} to that of Saint Kitts, would remove several vexatious impositions; and I am of opinion that increased consumption will give to Nevis a Revenue equal to the present one, whilst a daily Steam Service between the islands would be of immense benefit to all. It is to this question that I shall give my most earnest attention, and I would invite you to aid me with your Experience and advice.

It is very gratifying to notice that the Finances are in a healthy condition, and that there is a balance on Current Account of £1684. 13. 4. I am glad to observe the almost entire absence of Crime in the Island,

I am unable to preside over your meeting today, but I hope to do so when I next visit the Island.

(Sd) John H. Glover

After delivering the Address His Excellency withdrew.

The Acting President then ~~with~~ appointed Mr Mordaunt Pemberton and Mr Tibou to prepare a Reply to His Excellency's Address, the same to be brought up at a later period of the day.

The Treasurer's Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments to 31st August 1881 was laid before the Board.

Copies

Copies of the Registrar General's Report on the Census of 1881 were laid before the Board and distributed to Members.

The Acting President informed the Board, that he had received instructions from the Governor to lay before Members, an Application made by Mr B. S. Beayon, a Merchant in Charlestown, for an annual Subsidy from Public Funds, to aid ~~his~~ him in keeping on hand always, a supply of Ice for the benefit of the Island.

Mr Beayon's letter was read, and ordered to lie on the Table for consideration.

On motion made by the Acting President, and seconded by Mr Thibou, the Board voted the sum of ~~£100~~ £1.1.3 to defray the expenses of Mr Merit Evelyn, the Treasury Clerk, incurred in his removal from Saint Kitts to Nevis.

The Acting President informed the Council that at the request of the Committee of British ^{Jews} ~~People~~ in England, the Secretary of State having directed that the Council be asked to vote a sum of money to defray the cost of the removal from their Burial Ground in Charlestown, of those persons who had squatted on it, — the cost of such removal had been estimated at £20, which sum he now move the Council to grant.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Thibou.

Mr. Edward Maynard opposed the motion, which on being put the Chair after some discussion, passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows:

For	Against
Mr Thibou	Mr Hutchinson
Mr Pemberton	Mr Maynard
The Acting President	3.

The motion was declared Carried

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The Acting President submitted an Estimate prepared by the Superintendent of Public Works for £166.5.0 for completing the Bridge at Bridge Wharf, and stated to the Board that he had received instructions from the Governor to apply for a vote for the amount, to complete the work.

After some discussion the consideration of the motion was postponed.

The Council then adjourned to 2 O'Clock P.M.

2 O'Clock P.M.

present

- The Acting President,
- Mr Shibou,
- Mr Pemberton,
- Mr Hutchison,
- Mr Maynard.

Mr Pemberton announced that he and Mr Shibou had prepared a reply to the Governor's Address, and handed it to the Chair.

The Reply was read, and adopted by the Board.

Mr Shibou having at the request of the Board waited on the Governor to ascertain the time when he would receive the Reply, informed the Board that His Excellency had named 4 O'Clock.

Whereupon the Council withdrew to wait on His Excellency at Queen's House, and at the appointed hour the following Reply was duly presented.

Reply

To His Excellency Captain Sir John
 Hawley Glover. R.N. C.C. M.G.
 Governor of the Seeward Islands. v-v-v
 May it please Your Excellency.

The Council have great pleasure in welcoming Your Excellency on your assumption of the

the Government of the Leeward Islands, and especially on your arrival among us

With reference to the proposed amalgamation of the ~~with~~ our Presidency of the islands of ~~Saint Kitts and Nevis~~ ~~Christopher and Nevis~~ we shall

Nevis and Saint Christopher, we shall be happy to devote our best attention to the consideration of the subject.

We regret Your Excellency's inability to preside over the Council on this occasion, but we trust it will be in your power to do so at a future meeting.

Nevis
Sept 10th 1881

(Sd) W. D. Auchinleck
Acting Resident

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg. Council

Legislative Council

Friday

September 23rd 1881

(Extraordinary Meeting)

present

His Honor Patrick Burns, Acting President
The Honorable W. D. Auchinleck

" " Jos. Theodore Thibou

" " Mordaunt Pemberton

" " Thos. H. Hutchinson

" " Edward Maynard

} official

} unofficial

Mr Burns informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor had appointed him to act as President of the Island temporarily.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Orders of the day having been called on, the first item "The Bill to amend the Savings Bank Act, No 114 of 1872" was moved into committee, on motion duly made and recorded

The committee after considering the Bill throughout, passed it without amendment

Mr. Auchincloss then moved, and was seconded that the Bill be read the third time

This motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the third time

On further motion by Mr. Auchincloss also seconded the Bill was passed -

The next item on the Orders of the Day was the consideration of Mr. Beaumont's application for a subsidy for an up keep of Ice

This item was ordered to lie over for future consideration -

The Acting President informed the Board that in consequence of Reports which had been made on the condition of the Infirmary Buildings by the Doctor Bell the Surgeon, and the Board of Directors, in which several repairs, alterations, and additions were strongly recommended, the Secretary of State had directed that application be made to the Council for the sums estimated by the Superintendent of Works for effecting the repairs &c, and gave notice that at a subsequent meeting he would move the following votes

Improvement and Repairs to	}	\$ 185
Infirmary Buildings		
Erection of a New Leper Asylum		\$ 250
		<hr/> \$ 435

To the question put by Mr. Maynard "What care was taken of Queen's House when unoccupied by a President"

Mr. Auchincloss replied that at such times the Premises were specially under the care of the Superintendent.

Superintendent of Works, a house taken being placed to reside there, who received 12/6 monthly.
The Council rose

Chaute Foster
Clerk of Council

Thursday
October 10th 1881
No meeting, President attending Federal Council at Antigua

Legislative Council
Thursday,
November 10th 1881
present

His Honor J. S. Churchill	} Official
The Honorable W. S. Auchinleck	
" " Jos. Theodore Gibson	} Unofficial
" " Eduardo Maynards	

Mr Churchill informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor had appointed him to act as President of the Islands

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

The Acting President informed the Board that in consequence of the omission from the Amended Savings Bank Bill passed at the previous meeting, of a clause providing that no person should hold on deposit at any time a greater sum than £ 150, it was necessary to recommit the bill

Bill for the purpose of adding the clause -
Whereupon the Board moved into committee to consider the clause.

The Committee having considered the clause and passed it - - - - - On motion by the Acting President and seconded, the Bill was read the third time by title.

On further motion by the Acting President, also seconded, the Bill was declared finally passed -

The Orders of the day being taken up, Mr Beaujon's application for an Ice subsidy was called on for consideration, upon which

The Board was of opinion that the sum of £40 per annum might be granted to Mr Beaujon as a subsidy for his keeping a supply of Ice always on hand, The said amount to be paid to him by monthly payments, but Mr Beaujon to be liable to pay a penalty of £- per diem in case of failure to have Ice on hand -

The Acting President moved and was seconded that the sum of £9.12.11 be granted to pay for glassware & other things recently furnished for Queen's House -

The vote was agreed to, and he then gave notice to move the following votes at next meeting

For part reshuffling of Queen's House	£ 117. 5. 0
For building cistern at Infirmary	30. 0. 0
For putting Sport round Infirmary	25. 0. 0

The Acting President laid the Draft Estimates for 1882 before the Board, notifying his intention to move their consideration at a subsequent meeting.

The Honble J. G. Hutchinson took his seat.

The President enquired whether the board would vote about £3 to pay the passage from Tortola to this Island of a sick and infirm man, a native of Nevis, who had been sent from Santa Croix by the Danists

Danish Consul to Tortola, where he was at present in Hospital at the expense of Tortola.

The Board was of opinion that to bring the man back to Nevis at the expense of the Government would be establishing an unwise precedent, and no action was taken in respect to the proposed vote.

The Council adjourned to 2 o'clock P.M. Monday next the 14th instant

Charles Jones
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council

Monday

November 14th 1881

(adjourned meeting)

Presents

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| Honour | J. J. Churchill | Act. President. |
| The Honble | W. D. Auchinleck | } Official |
| " | Joseph Theodore Hibon | |
| " | Mrs. Henry Hutchinson | } Unofficial |

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Orders of the day being taken up the Item "The Consideration of the draft Estimates for 1882" was by consent of the Board, postponed to next meeting

The Acting President stated to the Board that Mr. Beaujon had represented to him that for the subsidy of £ 40 proposed at the meeting on the 14th instant he would not be able to contract with the Government for keeping on hand always a supply of Ice, and hoped that Members would reconsider the matter and increase the subsidy.

After some consideration of the matter Mr. Auchinleck moved and was duly seconded that

that the subsidy be increased to £60. and the penalty for failure be 4/- per diem, to be tried for 3 months.

The Board agreed to the Resolution

The Acting President informed the Board that the vote for repairing the Roads had been exhausted, and moved, seconded by Mr Thibou, that the sum of £25 be granted for continuing the repairs in such places as the recent heavy rains had damaged.

The vote was passed.

The Council adjourned to 1 o'clock P.M.
Monday the 21st instant.

Charles Foster
Clerk Reg. Council.

Legislative Council
Monday

November 21st 1881

adjourned meeting

present

His Honor Act. Pres:	J. J. Churchill	} President Official
The Hon ^{ble}	W. D. Schuchterle	
" "	Joseph Theodore Thibou	} Unofficial
" "	J. H. Hutchinson	
" "	Edward Maynard	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion made and seconded.

On motion by the President, seconded by Mr Thibou, the Council moved into Committee to consider the Estimates for 1882.

The Committee having considered the Estimates, the Board resumed, and the President reported that the Committee had passed them

them with amendments

On further motion by the President
seconded by Mr Skilton, the Estimates were finally
passed.

The Council then rose -

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

December 8th 1881

present

His Honor the President

The Hon^{ble} Mr D. Auchincloss

" " J. H. Hutchinson

" " Edward Maynard

Minutes of the previous meeting read and
confirmed on motion by President seconded by Mr
Auchincloss

The Orders of the day having been called
on, the President submitted for consideration
a Circular from the Secretary of State with an
enclosure from the Indian Office (both transmitted
to the President's Office in the Colonial Secretary's
letter No 1668 dated July 19th 1881), on the
subject of the administration of the Estates of
deceased Immigrants in British Colonies

After considering the Subject the Board
adopted, in respect to this Presidency, the Rules
suggested by the Secretary of State to be observed
in the administration of the Estates of Indian
Immigrants dying in British Colonies

The President

The President moved and was seconded by Mr Auchinleck, that the following sums be granted for the undermentioned services. —

Part reshingling of Queen's House	£ 99. 17. 11
Stove for do do	6. 5. 0
Part improvements to Infirmary	
Cistern	30. 0. 0
Spouting	25. 0. 0
Ventilating Wards	<u>5. 0. 0</u>
	166. 2. 11

The sums were unanimously voted

The ^{President} gave notice that he would lay before the board at the next ~~meeting~~ or some subsequent meeting the Supplementary Estimates for 1881, Supp- App- Ordinance 1881, and the Appropriation Ordinance for 1882

The Council then adjourned to 10 P.M. Wednesday the 21st instant

Charles Parker
Clerk Leg Secy

Legislative Council

Wednesday

December 21st 1881.

presents

His Hon: Acting President J. S. Churchill
 The Hon: W. D. Auchinleck
 " " Joseph Theodore Hibou
 " " Edward Maynard

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, on motion duly made & seconded

The President obtained leave to introduce a Bill to make provision for the Source of the Presidency of New for the Year 1882, which being ready was on motion by him and seconded by Mr Auchinleck
 read

read a first time by title.

The Hon^{ble} J. H. Hutchinson took his seat.

M^r Auchinleck moved and was seconded by M^r Thibou that the 21st rule of the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to have its second reading.

The suspension was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

Whereupon on motion by M^r Auchinleck duly seconded the Bill was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board and was then read clause by clause and passed without amendment.

The Committee having risen the Council resumed and the President reported that the Bill had been finally committed.

On motion by M^r Thibou, seconded by M^r Auchinleck the Bill was read the third time by title.

On further motion by M^r Thibou also seconded by M^r Auchinleck, the Bill was declared finally passed.

The President informed the Board that Benjamin Mills and George Williams had respectively petitioned the Governor praying for an increase of Pension, on the ground that their present allowance was insufficient to support themselves and families, and that His Excellency having transmitted the petitions for his report, he would be glad to ascertain the sense of the Board in reference to them. Mills his honor stated had got an arm and thumb blown off while acting as an artilleryman, and Williams had been blinded whilst blasting stones in the roads, the former received a pension of £68 and the latter an allowance of £5 monthly.

After consideration the Board were unanimous in opinion that Mills's pension was a fair allowance.

be being still able to perform some labour, but that Williams allowance, and the allowance to Charles Jeffers, who had also been blinded whilst blasting stones on the roads, should be increased to 10/8 monthly, equal to Mills, they being quite incapacitated to labour

The Council adjourned to Thursday the 5th January 1882.
Charles Astor
Clerk

1882
Legislative Council
Thursday
January 5th 1882

present
His Honor President Churchill
The Honble W. D. Auchinleck
" " J. H. Hutchinson.

No meeting: No quorum.

Legislative Council
Thursday
January 12th 1882
(Regular Monthly Meeting)
present:

His Honor Acting President J. Spencer Churchill.
The Honble William Douglas Auchinleck.
" " Joseph ~~W. D.~~ Theodore Thibou.
" " Thomas Henry Hutchinson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Orders of the Day having been taken up, the Bill to suspend the operation of certain Acts and Ordinances and to repeal certain other Acts and Ordinances of this Presidency was read a first time by title, on motion by President

Seconded

seconded by Mr Auchinleck

The President then moved and was seconded that the 21st Standing Order be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time

The Bill having had its second reading it was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board and was therein considered clause by clause and passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read the third time by title on motion by Mr Auchinleck duly seconded

On further motion by Mr Auchinleck also duly seconded, the Bill was declared finally passed.

(The Honble Mordaunt Pemberton took his seat)

The next item was the Bill "to provide for the temporary reduction of the duties levied on goods wares and merchandize imported into this Presidency"

Which being ready, was on motion by the President duly seconded, read a first time by title

The President then moved the suspension of the 21st Rule of the Board to enable the Bill to be proceeded with, which being agreed to, the Bill was read a second time.

The Bill having passed its second reading was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board

In considering the Bill the Committee adopted some slight amendments, and upon rising, the President reported the same

On motion by Mr Auchinleck, seconded by Mr Philrow, the Bill was read a third time by title

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On further motion by Mr Auchinleck also duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

(The Hon. Edward Maynard took his seat while the Bill was being read in committee).

The third item being called, the Bill "to amend the Export Tax Act, No 12 of 1877" was read a first time by title on motion by Mr Auchinleck seconded by Mr Shibou

Mr Auchinleck then moved and was seconded, that the Standing Rule be suspended to let the Bill have its second reading

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill read ~~read~~ the second time

The Bill was then referred to a Committee of the whole Board.

On arriving at the rates of Export Duty to be paid on Sugar, Mr. Auchinleck ^{moved} that one shilling and a penny (1/1) be paid on barrels, instead of one shilling and three farthings (1/0 3/4) as inserted in the Bill

Mr Maynard opposed the motion, moving that the shilling and three farthings be retained
Whereupon, Mr Auchinleck's motion being seconded by Mr Shibou, was put, and passed in the affirmative, Members voting as follows

For 1/1	Against
Mr. Hutchison	Mr Maynard
Mr. Pemberton	
Mr. Shibou	
Mr. Auchinleck	
The Act. President 5	

The Committee then rose, and the President reported that the Bill had been committed with some amendments.

After which he moved, duly seconded, that the Bill be read the third time.

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The motion being agreed to, the Bill was read the third time by title

And on further motion that the Bill do pass, it was accordingly declared finally passed.

The Bill "to repeal Act No 22 of 1872" being the fourth item, the President obtained leave to introduce the same, and on motion by him, seconded by Mr Auchinleck, it was read a first time by title. Mr Auchinleck then moved the suspension of the 21st Standing Rule to allow the Bill to pass on to its other stages.

The Rule was accordingly suspended, and the Bill read a second time.

After which the Board resolved into a Committee to consider it.

On the Chairman's report, that the Bill had passed the Committee, it was the third time by title on motion by Mr Auchinleck, seconded by Mr. Tibbo.

And on further motion by Mr. Auchinleck also duly seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The Acting President informed the Board that having received the authority of His Excellency the Administrator in Chief ~~to do so~~, he would move the addition of Two pounds and four shillings (£2.4.0) to the allowance made to each of the blind men George Williams and Charles Jeffers (injured whilst blasting stones for repairing the Public Road) so as to raise their allowance to ~~ten~~ ~~Twenty~~ pounds (£10) each per annum.

On the motion being seconded by Mr. Auchinleck, the total sum of Four pounds and eight shillings was unanimously voted.

The Council then rose

Charles Foster
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Legislative Council
Thursday
January 19th 1882
(Extraordinary meeting called)

present
His Hon: Acting President John Spencer Churchill
The Hon: Thomas Henry Hutchinson

No meeting, a quorum not attending

Legislative Council
Thursday
February 9th 1882
(Regular meeting day)

No meeting His Hon: The Acting President only,
attending

Legislative Council
Thursday, February 23rd 1882
(Extraordinary Meeting)

present
His Honor Acting President J. Spencer Churchill
The Honourable Joseph Theodore Thibou
" " W Douglas Auchinleck
" " Mordaunt Pemberton
" " Thomas Henry Hutchinson
" " Edward Maynard.

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed

The Orders of the Day being taken up
the Acting President obtained leave to introduce a
Bill to repeal the Ordinance No 5 of 1880 enti-
tled "An Ordinance to encourage the destroying
of Rats" and to make other provisions in lieu thereof
Which Bill being ready was on motion
by His Honor the President, and seconded, read a
first

first time by title

In order to proceed with the Bill, His Honor moved the suspension of the Standing Rule and the second reading of the Bill

Which motion being seconded, was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Bill was now moved into Committee for consideration, and was con-

On arriving at the last clause limiting the Bill to this year only, Mr Archinleck and Mr Shibou were of opinion that the Bills duration ought not to be limited

Whereupon a motion "That the ~~Bill~~ Clause do remain" was put from the Chair, and being seconded, Members voted as follows:-

For the motion	Against it
Mr Maynard	Mr Pemberton
Mr Hutchinson	Mr Shibou
The President 3	Mr Archinleck 3

The votes being equal on either side, the President gave his casting vote in support of the motion, and it was declared carried

The President moved the following votes, which being seconded were passed.

For effecting repairs to Pond Hill Bridge £ 66.0.0

For passage from England of Dr Fretz for District No. 2.

30.0.0

£ 96.0.0

The President gave notice that at some subsequent meeting he would introduce a Bill to make provision for purchasing a Steam Vessel for the Service of the Leeward Islands

The Council then rose

Charles Foster
Clerk of Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
March 9th 1882
(Regular Meeting day)

present

- His Honor Acting President John Spencer Churchill
- The Hon. W. D. Murchinleck
- “ “ Thomas Henry Hutchinson
- “ “ Edward Maynard

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Orders of the Day were taken up, when on leave being granted, the President introduced and read a first time "A Bill to enable the General Legislative Council of the Leeward Islands to make provision for the purchase and maintenance of a Steam Vessel for the Service of the General Government, ~~of the~~ and to authorize the said Council for that purpose to charge the Revenues of this Presidency."

In order to proceed with the Bill the President moved the suspension of the Standing Rule and the second reading of the Bill.

Which motion being agreed to the Bill was read a second time

The Bill was then moved into Committee for consideration

Whilst being considered the figures £375 in Section 1 were altered to £308.; after which the Council resumed.

On motion by the President, duly seconded, the Bill was read the third time.

On further motion by the President, also duly seconded, the Bill was declared passed.

The President then moved the introduction of a Bill "to sanction certain payments from the Public Treasury in excess of sums placed in the Estimates

Estimates of 1889

Which being ready, was, on motion by the President and seconded, read a first time by title.

Mr Architect then moved that the Standing Rule be suspended, and the Bill proceeded with.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time

The Council then resolved into a Committee to consider the Bill, after which the Board resumed, the President reporting that the Bill had been committed without amendment.

The ^{Bill} was then read the third time, on motion duly made and seconded

On further motion also duly made and seconded the Bill was finally passed.

Mr Edward Maynard gave notice that at the next meeting he would ask that a Statement of the amount granted by the Council for repairing Sun-hill and the amount spent be laid before the Board.

The Council rose

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Monday

March 20th 1882

(Extraordinary meeting)

present

His Hon. Acting President J. Spencer Churchill

The Hon. W. D. Architect

“ “ Joseph T. Tibou

“ “ Mrs. Henry Hutchinson

“ “ Edward Maynard

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Acting President explained to the Board that an error having been made in the Bill passed at the preceding meeting in respect to the amount chargeable to Heris for providing a Steam Vessel for the Service of the Colony, the Governor had directed that an Amended Bill be re-introduced in committee for consideration

Upon which the Board resolved into a Committee to consider the Amended Bill.

The Bill was considered throughout and passed by the Committee

Mr. Whitou moved, seconded by Mr. Auchinleck, that the Bill be re-read the third time.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill read a third time

On further motion by Mr. Whitou, also seconded, the Bill was declared passed.

The President moved that the sum of £5 be voted for the purchase of some Guide Books for use in the Magistrates Office

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and passed unanimously

Pursuant to notice given at the preceding meeting, Mr. Maynard asked that a Statement be laid before the Board, of the amount granted by the Council for the repair of Gun-hill, and the amount expended

In reply to which the President laid the ~~Attorney General's~~ following Statement on the table.

The Council rose

Statement - Gun hill

1882

Jan'y 27

Am't granted by Ec. Council for repairs £ 11.10.0
 " in hands of M^r W^m C Maynard
 from a former grant

5.0.0
 £ 10.10.0

Am't expended, as per Statement of
 Superintendent of Works

3 12.13.0
 £ 3.17.0

Charles Foster
 Clk Ec Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

April 13th 1882

(Regular Meeting day)

No meeting was held this day, it having been
 intimated to Members that there was no business
 for consideration

Legislative Council

Monday

May 8th 1882

(Extraordinary Meeting)

present

Hon. Acting President John Spencer Churchill

The Honble William Douglas Archibald

" " Joseph Theodore Gibson

" " Woodaunt Pemberton

" " Edward Maynard

" " Thomas Henry Hutchinson

Presented

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The President stated that in accordance with instructions received from the Governor, he would ask leave to introduce Bills to reimpose the Horse and Carriage and the Dog taxes at half of the former rates; - and to ~~also~~ authorize the payment of fees to Medical Officers in cases of successful vaccination

On motion by the President, seconded by Mr Auchinleck, the Bills were read a first time.

The President moved the suspension of the Standing Rule to enable the Bill respecting fees to Medical Officers for vaccinations to be read the second time

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill read a second time.

The Bill was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was considered and passed

The Council resumed, the President reporting that the Bill had been committed.

On motion by the President, seconded by Mr Auchinleck, the Bill was read the ~~second~~ ^{third} time

On further motion by the President, also seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The President informed the Board that he had received authority to apply to the Council for the following money grants.

For supplying Medicines to the District Medical Officers for gratuitous distribution £50

Refund of Support duty to Revd St. S. Chesters on articles imported for Chapel purposes

Grave

Completing repairs to Pier and

0.18.8
55.4.0
The

The items for Medicines and Refund of duty were unanimously voted. That for the Pier & Crane was postponed to next meeting.

The Council adjourned to one O'Clock P.M. Thursday the 11th instant.

Charles Foster
Clerk by Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
May 11th 1882
(Adjourned Meeting)
present

His Honor Acting President Spencer Churchill
The Hon. W. D. Auchinleck
" " Thos. Henry Hutchison
" " Jos. Theodore Thibou

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

On motion by the Acting President, duly seconded, the Orders of the day were called, and the Bill to impose a tax upon horses and mules, Carriages and other vehicles was read a second time

Whereupon the Council resolved into a Committee of the whole Board to consider the Bill

The Committee having considered the Bill, rose, and the Council resumed, the President reporting that the Bill had passed the Committee with some amendments

The question that the Bill be read the third time was then put by Mr. Thibou, and being seconded, the Bill was ^{read a 3^d} declared passed.

The next item on the Orders of the day was a Bill to require persons desirous of keeping dogs to obtain a license to do so, which on motion by the President, seconded by Mr Auchinleck, was read a second time.

The Bill having passed its second reading, was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein considered and passed.

The Committee rose, the Council resumed, and the President reported that the Bill had passed the Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, on motion made and seconded,

On further motion, seconded, the Bill was passed.

The sum of £57. 10. 8½ was voted for completing repairs to Pier and Crane.

The Council rose *pro die*

Charles Foster
Clerk: Leg. Council

Legislative Council

Wednesday

May 24th 1882

Present

His Excellency Governor Sir John H. Glover
G.C. in C. in the chair

His Honor Acting President J. Spencer Churchill

The Hon. William Douglas Auchinleck

“ “ Joseph Theodore Gibson

“ “ Mordant Pemberton

“ “ Edward Maynard

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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Minutes to be sent
to Antigua

The Orders of the Day being called, on motion by President Churchill, duly seconded, a Bill to authorize the General Legislature of the Leeward Islands to pass laws relating to the binding and ordering of ^{masters and} apprentices was read a first time by title.

On further motion by President Churchill also seconded, the Standing ^{orders} were so far suspended as to allow the Bill to be read a second time.

The Bill having had a its second reading it was forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and having been considered, the Council resumed, His Excellency reporting as Chairman that the Bill had passed the Committee.

Whereupon the Bill was read the third time on motion by President Churchill duly seconded.

On further motion by President Churchill, duly seconded, the Bill was declared passed.

The next item was a Bill to authorize the General Legislative Council of the Leeward Islands to pass laws relating to the better protection of the clothing and property of Seamen in Her Majesty's Navy.

Which being ready, was on motion by President Churchill, seconded by Mr. Auckinleck, read a first time by title.

Mr. Auckinleck then moved the suspension of the Rules to enable the Bill to have its second reading.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time.

The Bill was then referred to a Committee of the whole Board, and was therein considered.

considered, after which the Council resumed and His Excellency reported that the Bill had been committed

Mr Auchinleck moved that the Bill be read the third time.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill read the third time

No further motion that the Bill do pass was now put by Mr Auchinleck; ~~the Bill~~ which being seconded, the Bill was declared passed.

The last item was a Bill to enable the General Legislative Council of the Leeward Islands to pass laws in respect of this Presidency as may be necessary to effect a union of the said Presidency with that of Saint Christopher

President Churchill moved that the Bill be read a first time, and was seconded by Mr Gibbon

Mr Edward Maynard moved that the Council do adjourn, on the ground that the Board ought not to proceed to the consideration of the Bill in the absence of ^{Honourable} The ~~Sr~~ St. Heulehenson, an unofficial member, who was unavoidably absent from sickness

After some discussion Mr Maynard withdrew his motion

President Churchill moved the suspension of the Rule and the second reading of the Bill

Mr Peuberton opposed the motion, and moved the following Resolution as an amendment, which was seconded by Mr Maynard.

Resolved:-

That the Ordinance now before the Council entitled An Ordinance to enable the General Legislative Council of the Leeward Islands to pass such laws in respect of this Presidency as

may be necessary to effect a union of the said Presidency with that of Saint Christopher" do lie on the Table for six months; and that in lieu thereof an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty praying that She may be graciously pleased to cause a Measure to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of uniting the Presidencies of Saint Christopher and Nevis with such Legislative Powers as they at present possess separately, with provisions based on such Resolutions as may be hereafter adopted by the separate Legislatures as they at present exist—

His Excellency put the amendment from the Chair, which was lost, Members voting as follows:—

For
 M^r Maynard
 M^r Pemberton

Against
 M^r Tibou
 M^r Auchinleck
 Resident Churchill
 The Governor — 4

The Amendment having been lost, President Churchill renewed his motion for the second reading, and being now unopposed, and seconded by M^r Tibou, the Bill was read a second time.

The Bill having had its second reading, the Board resolved into a Committee of the whole to consider it

On arriving at the third subdivision of the first clause Mr Pemberton objected to the words "resident in this Island."

M^r Tibou supported the Bill in its entirety

M^r Pemberton's motion was not put to the vote.

The consideration of the Bill having been concluded, the Board resumed, and His

His Excellency reported accordingly.

Whereupon on motion by President Churchill, seconded by Mr Tibou, the Bill was read the third time

A motion that the Bill do pass was now put by President Churchill, which being seconded by Mr Tibou, and agreed to, the Bill was declared passed.

The Council then adjourned sine die

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Wednesday

July 5th 1882

(Extraordinary meeting called)

present

His Honor Acting President W. D. Archinleck.

The Hon. Jos. Theo. Tibou

to c John Hardtman H Berkeley.

Note:- No meeting, a quorum not being formed

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council

Thursday

July 13th 1882

(Regular day)

Note: No meeting, a quorum of members not attending

Charles Foster
Clerk Leg Council

Legislative Council
Thursday
August 10th 1882
(Regular day)

present

His Honor William Henry Whyham,
Acting Resident

The Honourable Joseph Theodore Thibou

The Honourable Mordaunt Pemberton

The Honourable John W. W. Berkeley

The Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed

His Honor W. W. Whyham informed the
Board that His Excellency had appointed him
to act as Resident of the Island during the
absence of the Resident, and the Hon^{ble}
John W. W. Berkeley to be a nominated
Member of the Council vice J. H. Hutchinson
resigned.

Also that the Queen had been pleased
to assent to the Savings Bank Ordinance 1881

The Acting Resident moved, and was
seconded by Mr Thibou, that the following
sums be granted from the General Revenue
for the undermentioned services:-

Repairs to Police Barracks, Charlestown	£ 30.0.0
Additional Clerical aid preparing appeal in Registrars Office	20.0.0
Quota of gratuity of £500. to Sir O. Nugent	62.10.0
Serving Tax Courts	20.0.0
Proportion of loss of Postal Revenue to Imperial Post office	35.0.0
	<u>£167.10.0</u>

The items were passed unanimously
The Council rose

Charles Foster
Clerk Council

Thursday
September 11th 1882
(Regular day)

No meeting, a quorum not having attended. Honbles
J. H. Berkeley, Mordant Peubertow and Edward
Maynard absent from Island.

Thursday
October 12th 1882
(Regular day)

No meeting, a quorum not attending. Honbles Jus Ho
Ho Berkeley, Mordant Peuberton and Edward
Maynard absent from Island.

Thursday (regular day)
November 9th 1882

No meeting, a quorum not attending. Honbles Jus Ho
Berkeley, Mordant Peubertow and Edward
Maynard absent from island.

Thursday
December 14th 1882
(Regular day)

No meeting had, a quorum not attending, Honbles
Jus Ho Ho Berkeley, Mordant Peuberton, and
Edward Maynard absent from island.

Legislative Council

Friday

December 29 1882

(Extraordinary Meeting)

present

His Excellency Sir John Hawley Glass, G.C.

M.C. presiding

His Honor William Henry Whyham, Acting
President, & OfficioThe Honourable Merritt Evelyn, Acting Treasurer
& OfficioThe Honourable Joseph Theodor Thibou, Registrar
and Novel Inward, & OfficioThe Minutes of the previous meeting were
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to make further provision for the Service of the
Presidency of New for the year 1882."The Standing rule was suspended, on
motion by the Acting President, seconded by
M^r Thibou, and the Bill was read a
second timeWhereupon it was referred to a Committee
of the whole Board for considerationThe Bill having passed the Committee
without amendment, was forthwith read a third
time by title, on motion duly made and seconded.On further motion made and seconded
the Bill was declared passedThe Acting President read a first time by
title, "A Bill to sanction the introduction of
certain goods wares merchandise and produce free
of duty into this Presidency"The Standing Rule was suspended, on
motion by the Acting President, seconded by M^r

Thibou

Shibou, and the Bill read a second time.

The Bill was then referred to a Committee of the whole Board, wherein it was read clause by clause, and ~~having been slightly amended~~, was passed.

The Bill having been ~~amended in~~ Committee, the Acting President moved, and was seconded by Mr Shibou, that the ~~Standing Rule be suspended~~, for it to have its third reading.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time.

On motion duly made, and seconded, the Bill was finally passed.

The Acting President obtained leave to introduce a "Bill to amend the Export tax Act 1877," which being ready, was read a first time by title.

The Standing rule was then suspended, on motion by the Acting President, seconded by Mr Shibou, and the Bill was read a second time.

After which, the Bill was referred to a Committee of the whole Board, wherein it was considered and passed without amendment.

On motion by the Acting President, seconded by Mr Shibou, the Bill was read a third time.

On further motion made and seconded, it was declared passed.

The Acting President introduced, and leave being granted, read a first time by title, A Bill to repeal Ordinance N^o 4 of 1882 entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the temporary reduction of the duties levied on Goods Wares and Merchandize imported into this Presidency" and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.

The Acting President then moved, and was seconded by Mr Shibou, that the Standing Rule be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a second time; and the motion was agreed to and

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The Bill was read a second time.

The Board then resolved into a Committee of the whole to consider the Bill

The Committee having considered and passed the Bill, with some amendments, the Acting President moved, and was seconded by Mr. Thibou, that the Standing rules be further suspended to advance the Bill to a further stage

Whereupon the Bill was read the third time

And on motion again made by the Acting President, and duly seconded, the Bill was passed.

His Excellency laid before the Board certain correspondence from the Postmaster General respecting the establishing of a system of issuing for sale Post Cards with paid reply, under the Post Office (Reply Post Cards) Act 45 Vic O 2, which system the Postmaster desired to apply to the Postal exchanges between the United Kingdom and the Colonies and Countries in the Postal union.

After the Correspondence had been considered, the Board expressed opinion that the system should be applied to this Province

His Excellency informed the Council that the union of Saint Kitts and Nevis as one Presidency, on 1st January 1883, would determine the existence of the Board of Legislative Council of the Province of Nevis, at present existing.

The Council rose

Charles Foster
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The Bill was read a second time
The Board then read
minutes of the last meeting
The Committee reported
and passed the following
resolutions: That the
Secretary be authorized to
procure a copy of the
minutes of the last meeting
and to send the same to
the members of the Board
and to the members of the
Committee.

The Board then proceeded
to the consideration of
the report of the Committee
on the petition of
the Board of Directors
of the Bank of the
City of New York
and passed the following
resolutions: That the
Board be authorized to
pay to the said Board
of Directors the sum of
\$100,000 in full for
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