

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1851.

14 Victoria – Chapter 14

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the Year ending on the Thirty first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one, and for other purposes. (Passed 31st May, 1851.)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY;—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, having freely and voluntarily resolved to Give and Grant unto Your Majesty a Supply to defray certain Charges for the support of the Civil Government, for the Administration of Justice, and the General Improvement of this Colony, do humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, that from and out of such Monies as shall from time to time remain in the hands of the Treasurer, and unappropriated, there be granted to Your Majesty, Your Heirs and Successors, the Sum of Twenty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence; which said Sum of Money shall be applied in payment of the following Charges for the Year commencing on the First day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one, and ending on the Thirty-first day of December in the same year, that is to say:—

The sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Officers, as follows—

The Private Secretary to the Governor, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Clerk to the Executive Council, Two Hundred Pounds.

Two Clerks in the Secretary's Office, Four Hundred Pounds.

An Office-keeper to the Secretary's Office, Sixty Pounds.

A Messenger at the Secretary's Office, Sixty Pounds.

The Colonial Treasurer, Five Hundred Pounds.

The Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, together with the sum of Fifty Pounds to defray the Salary of a Clerk Assistant, also the further sum of Twenty Pounds for Stationery and other Incidentals: Provided, that all Fees and Perquisites received in or by virtue of the said Office, or in any way connected therewith, shall be accounted for and paid over Half-yearly to the Colonial Treasurer.

The Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Clerk of the Southern Circuit Court, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Crier and Tipstaff of the Supreme Court, Sixty Pounds.

Three Police Magistrates for Saint John's, Nine Hundred Pounds.

The High Constable for Saint John's, Eighty Pounds.

Eight Police Constables for Saint John's, Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds.

The Gaoler for Saint John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, in lieu of all Fees, which are to be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

The Gaol Surgeon of Saint John's, Forty Pounds.

The Gaol Surgeon of Harbor Grace, Thirty Pounds.

The District Surgeon for Saint John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and Fifty Pounds for procuring and supplying Medicines.

The Hospital Surgeon for Saint John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

The Gate-keeper at Government House, Twenty-six Pounds.

The Attorney-General, in lieu of all Fees of Office, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

The Solicitor-General, in lieu of all Fees of Office, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Outport Magistrates, as follows:

Two Magistrates at Harbor Grace, Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds, to be apportioned in such manner as the Governor may direct.

A Magistrate at Carbonear, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Ferryland, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Bay Bulls, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Burin, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Lamaline, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Saint Mary's, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Harbor Britain, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Grand Bank, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

- A Magistrate at Trinity, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
- A Magistrate at Bonavista, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
- A Magistrate for Twillingate and Fogo, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.
- A Magistrate for Placentia, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.
- A Magistrate for Saint George's Bay, Three Hundred Pounds.

The sum of Five Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Outport Clerks of the Peace, as follows:

- A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Grace, One Hundred Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Carbonear, Sixty Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Sixty Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Ferryland, Sixty Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Placentia, Thirty-five Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Burin, Thirty-five Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Britain, Thirty-five Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Trinity, Sixty Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Bonavista, Forty-five Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace for Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-five Pounds: Provided, that all the Fees of Office received by the said Clerks of the Peace shall be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

The sum of One Hundred and Ninety Pounds towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Outport Gaolers, as follows:

- A Gaoler at Harbor Grace, Ninety Pounds: Provided, that all Fees of Office received by him shall be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.
- A Gaoler at Ferryland, Twenty-five Pounds.
- A Gaoler at Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.
- A Gaoler at Burin, Twenty-five Pounds.
- A Gaoler at Trinity, Twenty-five Pounds.

The sum of Nine Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Outport Constables, as follows:

- Three Constables at Harbor Grace, One Hundred Pounds.
- Three Constables at Carbonear, Seventy-five Pounds,
- Two Constables at Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Fifty Pounds.
- A Constable at Bay Roberts, Twelve Pounds.
- A Constable at Ferryland, Twenty-five Pounds.
- A Constable at Bay Bulls, Twenty-five Pounds.
- A Constable at Burin, Twenty-five Pounds.
- A Constable at Lamaline, Twelve Pounds.
- A Constable at Saint Mary's, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Constable at Harbor Britain, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Grand Bank, Twelve Pounds.
Two Constables at Trinity, Thirty-seven Pounds.
A Constable at Bonavista, Twenty-five Pounds.
Three Constables at Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-nine Pounds.
A Constable at Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.
A Constable at Bay-de-Verd, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Harbor Main, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Cat's Cove, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Western Bay, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at South Shore, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Brigus, South, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Witless Bay, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Toad's Cove, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Renewes, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Cape Broyle. Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Caplin Bay, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Aquaforte, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Fermews, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Oderin, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Merasheen, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Little Placentia, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Saint Lawrence, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Trepassey, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Catalina, Twenty-five Pounds.
A Constable at Perlican, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Heart's Content, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Hants Harbour, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at New Harbor, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Greenspond, Twelve Pounds,
A Constable at Exploits, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Petty Harbor, Twenty Pounds.
A Constable at Portugal Cove, Twenty Pounds.
A Constable at Torbay, Twenty Pounds.
A Constable at King's Cove, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Tickle Cove, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Salvage, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Hermitage Bay, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Burgeo Islands, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Jersey Harbor, Twelve Pounds.
A Constable at Spaniards Bay, Twelve Pounds.

The sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds towards defraying the Allowances to the following
Ferry-men:

To Ferrymen at Manuals and Little Saint Lawrence, Ten Pounds each.

To Ferrymen at Great Placentia, Salmonier, Portugal Cove, South Arm of Trinity, Twenty-five Pounds each.

To Ferrymen between Burin and Spoon Cove, and between Belle Isle and Topsail, Twenty Pounds each.

To Ferrymen at Biscay Bay and Aquaforte, Fifteen Pounds each.

To a Ferryman at Malbay, Twelve Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Saint John's Pond, North Harbor and Salmonier, Thirty Pounds.

And Two Ferries at Holyrood, Thirty Pounds, that is to say,—for Two Boats, to be stationed in the neighbourhood of Crawley's, on the South Side, and the neighbourhood of Healy's on the North Side of the Harbor, Fifteen Pounds to be allowed each.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expense of the support of a Packet Boat between Bonavista and South side of Trinity Bay, and a further sum of Twenty Pounds for a Messenger, subject to the operation of the Inland Post Act.

The sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds towards defraying the expense of the support of a Packet Boat between Burin and Placentia; and a further sum of Thirty Pounds for a Messenger between the latter place and Saint John's, subject to the operation of the Inland Post Act.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the support of a Packet Boat between Saint John's and Twillingate, to touch at Greenspond and Fogo, under such regulations as the Governor shall prescribe, subject to the operation of the Inland Post Act.

The sum of Twenty Pounds towards remunerating a Messenger between Saint John's and Renewes, Once every Fortnight throughout the year, subject to the operation of the Inland Post Act.

The sum of Ten Pounds towards remunerating a Messenger between Salmonier and Saint Mary's, subject to the operation of the Inland Post Act.

The sum of Forty Pounds towards the support of a Commercial School at Placentia.

The sum of Forty Pounds for the support of the Presbyterian School at Saint John's.

The sum of Five Hundred Pounds to defray Unforeseen Contingencies.

The sum of Two Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Ordinary Expenses of Court Houses and Gaols.

The sum of Six Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Expenses of the Gaols.

The sum of Five Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Expenses of Priming and Stationery.

The sum of Three Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Expenses of Crown Prosecutions.

The sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying the Expenses of Coroners.

The sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying the Expenses of Fuel and Light for Public Buildings.

The sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds towards defraying Postages and other Incidental Expenses.

The sum of Four Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Expenses of Judges and Officers on Circuit, (including Crown Prosecutions; that is to say, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds to defray the Expense of each Circuit, in full for Table Money and Means of Conveyance, and for Payment of Rent of any Court Rooms where Court Houses are not erected; Provided that Passages shall be allowed and provided onboard each Vessel proceeding on the respective Circuits, to such Members of the Bar as may desire to proceed thereon.

The sum of Three Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds towards the Relief of the Poor.

The sum of Four Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Expense of Outport Permanent Poor.

The sum of One Thousand Pounds towards defraying the Expense of Lunatic Paupers.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the Relief of Shipwrecked Crews.

The sum of One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds, Six Shillings and Eight Pence, towards defraying the Expense of Lighting Saint John's with Gas, upon a Contract to be entered into with the Stipendiary Magistrates by the Company, to provide Lamps in such parts of the Town as may be agreed upon, and keep them in repair, and to keep them lighted throughout every night.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds towards defraying Office Rent of Deputy Post Master, provided it be kept in a Stone Building.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds to Joseph Woods towards defraying the Expense of Publishing an Almanac.

The sum of Thirty-six Pounds towards defraying Expenses of Artillerymen at Fort Amherst.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards payment of Duties on Wines Imported or Purchased for the use of the Military.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards defraying the Annual Allowance to the Widow of the late James Blaikie, Esquire.

The sum of Forty Pounds to Matthew Stevenson as Pension.

The sum of Ten Pounds to Robert Connell as Gratuity, in Compensation for past Services.

The sum of Thirty Pounds towards defraying the Annual Allowance to the Widow of the late Mr. Holbrook.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the support of the Saint John's Factory.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards the support of the Dorcas Society, Saint John's.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds towards the support of the Dorcas Society, Carbonear.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds towards the support of the Dorcas Society, Harbor Grace.

The sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards the support of the Agricultural Society.

The further sum of Seventy-five Pounds to the Agricultural Society, to defray Host of Purchasing and Importing young Bulls, of the most approved breed, from Scotland, England, or Ireland.

The sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying Expense of Erecting a Bridge across the Tickle at the Head of Twillingate Harbor.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards defraying Expense of Removing the Whale's Back Rock at Quidi Vidi, to be expended under the direction of the Honorable the Surveyor General.

The sum of Thirty Pounds towards defraying Expense of Building a Public Wharf at Trinity, and for Repairing the Ferry-boat at the same place.

The sum of Forty Pounds towards the Establishment and Support of a Commercial School at Jersey Harbor in Harbor Briton.

The sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds to be appropriated to the Building of a Breakwater at Oliver's Cove, Placentia Bay, provided the Inhabitants contribute an equal amount in Labour; the work to be performed under the superintendance of Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor for the time being; provided also that the said Breakwater shall not be commenced until the practicability of constructing the same at a moderate rate be shewn to the satisfaction of the Governor and Council.

The sum of Ten Pounds to Joseph Carroll towards remunerating him for loss sustained by Fire near Apple Tree Well in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

The sum of Ten Pounds to Honora Delaney towards compensating her for loss sustained by the Fire near Apple Tree Well in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

The sum of Fifteen Pounds to John Walsh for loss sustained by the Fire near Apple Tree Well in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

The sum of Forty Pounds to the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company towards defraying Expenses incurred by them, and the further sum of Twenty Pounds as remuneration for past valuable services.

The sum of Twenty Pounds to Thomas Daly and Edward Delaney to compensate them for Board for Building purposes taken from them after the Fire in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-six.

The sum of Twenty Pounds to Isabella Richards towards compensating her for Ground taken to widen the Public Roads at Harbor Grace.

The sum of Twenty Pounds to Patrick Byrne towards compensating him for Ground taken to widen the Public Roads at Harbor Grace.

The sum of Seventy Pounds towards the Establishment and Support of a Grammar School at Burin.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards the Establishment and Support of a Commercial School at Ferryland.

The sum of Forty Pounds towards the Establishment and Support of a Commercial School at Saint Mary's.

The sum of Thirty-five Pounds to Walter Shelly, Annual Allowance for keeping the Government Cottage Salmonier Road, and the further sum of Ten Pounds to defray Cost of Building Out-houses and Stables, provided that the said latter sum shall not be paid until the said Buildings shall have been completed to the satisfaction of the Governor.

The sum of Fifty Pounds to be appropriated in the Purchase of Nautical and Mathematical Instruments for the Carbonear Grammar School, under the directions of the Commissioners, and the further sum of Thirty-five Pounds towards reimbursing the Principal of the said School for Monies expended in repairs. The sum of Seventy Pounds to James Finlay, Assayer of Weights and Measures, towards defraying Rent of Office for the past four years.

The sum of Eighty-five Pounds towards compensating Nicholas Mulloy, Esquire, William Allen, William Dow, and Richard Berney, Doctors of Medicine, for attendance on Typhus Fever Patients in Conception Bay, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven, in full for their respective claims; that is to say, to Nicholas Mulloy, Esquire, Twenty-six Pounds; to William Allen, Twenty-six Pounds; to William Dow, Twenty Pounds; and to Richard Berney, Thirteen Pounds.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds to the Saint John's Water Company towards defraying the Expense of keeping Fire Plugs in repair.

The sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying Expenses of Constructing Water Tanks in certain localities in the Town of Saint John's, to be expended under the directions of the Honorable the Surveyor General.

The sum of Fifteen Pounds to Josiah Blackburn, Esquire, towards remunerating him for Making a Road at Grand Bank.

The sum of Twenty Pounds to Daniel Dwyer towards his support, and for past services.

The sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds to James Bayly, purchase money of Custom House, Land and Appurtenances at Harbor Grace, in Fee, to be conveyed to such Person on behalf of Her Majesty's Government as the Governor may direct; the said Land and Premises bounded on the South by the Sea, on the North by Water Street, on the West by Doctor Stirling's Land, and on the East by Webber's Land; also the further sum of Thirty Pounds towards defraying arrears of Rent of Custom House.

The sum of Forty Pounds to John Rochford, Medical Doctor, in full for all claims for Medical Attendance upon Fever Cases in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven.

The sum of Ten Pounds to William Earle for services rendered to the Poor in the distribution of Eye Wash prepared by him.

The sum of Fifteen Pounds to Elizabeth Normore, Widow of late Gregory Normore, compensation for Land taken by the Road Commissioners at Portugal Cove.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards the Establishment and Support of a Commercial School at Brigus, Conception Bay.

The sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be paid Yearly to any Person or Persons, for Three Years, who shall run Monthly, for Nine Months, Steamers between the United Kingdom, Saint John's and the United States of America. The said Steamers being of not less than One Hundred and Thirty Horse power, if Screw Vessels, and of not less than Two Hundred and Eighty Horsepower, if propelled by Paddles; the said Grant to be given, upon public notice, to such Persons as may propose to the Government to enter first on the performance of the Service, under such regulations as the Government may prescribe; provided that the Import Duty on Coals used on board the said Vessels shall be remitted upon satisfactory proof to the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs, that such Coals were required for the purposes of said Vessels.

The sum of Three Hundred Pounds to the Proprietors of the Steamer Saint George, for Three Months, towards defraying Expenses of running said Steamer between Saint John's and Halifax, that is to say, the sum of Twenty-five Pounds for each voyage, provided the said Steamer makes Two Voyages each way per Month provided also, the said Grant shall cease so soon as the said Proprietors shall effect an arrangement with the Mail Contractors for the conveyance of the Mails, or as soon as another Steamer be placed by the said Contractors on the Line.

The sum of Fifteen Pounds towards defraying Expenses of removing a Hock at Lear's Cove near Cape Saint Mary's.

The sum of Ten Pounds towards the Erection of a School House at Old Perlican, Trinity Bay.

The sum of Fifty Pounds to Harcourt Mooney, Esquire, towards remunerating him for Publishing Reports of proceedings in the Law Courts, upon condition that the Law Society allow him a further sum of Twenty-five Pounds.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds to Ellen Rielley, compensation for past services as a Teacher.

The sum of Eighty-four Pounds towards defraying the salary of a Clerk in the Office of the Treasurer; provided that the Treasurer shall contribute, in addition to the said sum, the sum of Sixty-five Pounds, being equal to Seventy-five Pounds Currency.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards liquidating the debt due on the Farmers' Mill, Saint John's, the said sum to be in full for all further claims on the Government.

The sum of Twenty Pounds to Mary Gear (House-keeper) in the Custom House Saint John's.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the Support of a Night Watch in Saint John's, provided the Inhabitants subscribe an equal amount; to suffice until the next Session of the Legislature.

The sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds, in full, for the liquidation of the debt incurred by the Directors of the Saint John's Hospital; Provided this amount shall not be paid until the Directors shall shew, to the satisfaction of the Executive, that they have reduced the expenditure of the Institution within their probable means.

The sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds in full for defraying Expense of fitting up the Interior of the Court House, Saint John's.

The sum of Forty Pounds towards remunerating a competent Person for taking Plans of the Towns of Harbor Grace and Carbonear.

The sum of Six Hundred Pounds towards Indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for Money expended in the Purchase of Seed Potatoes to be distributed in the several Districts, authorized by Address during the present Session.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards Indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for Money expended in the Purchase of Lime for laying over the Old Church Yard, Saint John's, authorized by Address during the present Session.

The sum of Two Hundred Pounds, in addition to the amount granted for the Poor, towards repairing the LeMarchant Road between Portugal Cove and Torbay.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards defraying Expenses of erecting a Fence round the Old Grave Yard.

The sum of Ten Pounds to James Silvey, a Blind Person, towards his support; provided there shall be no further grant for this purpose.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards Indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for Money appropriated to the support of the Night Watch, Saint John's, authorized by Address during the present Session.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Monies hereinbefore granted shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer in discharge of such Warrants as may from time to time be drawn by the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, for the purposes of this Act, and that it shall not be lawful for the Colonial Treasurer to pay any Monies out of the Colonial Treasury other than such as are granted by this Act or some Act of the Legislature.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to nominate One Member of Her Majesty's Council and Two Members of the House of Assembly, who shall constitute a Board of Audit, and who shall have power to audit the Accounts of the Treasurer, for all Monies drawn upon him by virtue of this Act or of any other Act of the Legislature, and finally to settle and close the General Accounts of the said Treasurer: Provided always, that such Accounts so audited shall be laid before the Legislature within One Month after the commencement of the next Session of the Legislature.