

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland*, passed in the year 1853.

16 Victoria – Chapter 16

**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-three, and for other purposes. (Passed 15th June, 1853.)**

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 Thirty-one Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Five Shillings and Six 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-three, and ending on the Thirty-first day of December in the same year; that is to say:—

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

The Clerk of 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 Treasurer's Clerk, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds: Provided that the Treasurer shall pay into the Treasury any amount or Salary he may receive as Cashier of the Savings' Bank.

The Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, Three Hundred and Shifty Pounds, together with Fifty Pounds to defray the Salary of a Clerk Assistant, also Twenty Pounds for purchase of Printed Forms: Provided, that all Fees and Perquisites received or that shall be 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.

The Crier and Tipstaff of the Northern Circuit Court at Harbour Grace, Twenty Pounds.

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

The High Constable at 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 Fees, which are to be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

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

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

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

The Physician of the Lunatic Asylum at Saint John's, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Gaol Surgeon at Harbor Grace, Thirty 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, including all charges and fees for any person prosecuting for the Crown on the Northern Circuit, Two Hundred Pounds.

The sum of Two Thousand and Ninety-five Pounds towards the Salaries of the undermentioned Outport Magistrates, as follows:

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

Two Magistrates at Harbor Grace, Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds; that is to say. One Hundred and Thirty Pounds to the Senior Magistrate, and Two Hundred Pounds to the Junior Magistrate.

A Magistrate at Carbonear, One Hundred and Fifty 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 at Bay Bulls, One Hundred Pounds.  
A Magistrate at Ferryland, One Hundred Pounds.  
A Magistrate at St. Mary's, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.  
A Magistrate at Placentia, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.  
A Magistrate at Burin, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.  
A Magistrate at Lamaline, Sixty-five Pounds; Provided always that, as it is inexpedient to continue the said office upon the death, resignation or removal from Lamaline of Stephen O. Pack, Esquire, the present incumbent, no further provision be made for the said office, but that the same shall be thereupon abolished.  
A Magistrate at Harbor Britain, One Hundred Pounds.  
A Magistrate at Grand Bank, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.  
A Magistrate at Old Perlican, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

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

One Constable at Petty Harbor, Twenty Pounds.  
One Constable at Torbay, Twenty Pounds.  
One Constable at Portugal Cove, Twenty Pounds.  
One Constable at South Shore, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Harbor Main, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Cat's Cove, Twelve Pounds.  
Two Constables at Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Fifty Pounds.  
One Constable at Bay Roberts, Twelve Pounds.  
Three Constables at Harbor Grace, One Hundred Pounds.  
Three Constables at Carbonear, Seventy-five Pounds.  
One Constable at Bay-de-Verd, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Western Bay, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Hant's Harbor, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Perlican, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Heart's Content, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at New Harbour, Twelve Pounds.  
Two Constables at Trinity, Thirty-seven Pounds.  
One Constable at Catalina, Twenty-five Pounds.  
One Constable at Bonavista, Twenty-five Pounds,  
One Constable at Tickle Cove, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at King's Cove, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Salvage, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Greenspond, Twelve Pounds.  
Three Constables at Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-nine Pounds.  
One Constable at Exploits Bay, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Bay Bulls, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Witless Bay, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Toad's Cove, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Brigus, South, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Cape Broyle, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Caplin Bay, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Ferryland, Twenty-five Pounds.  
One Constable at Aquaforte, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Fermews, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Renews, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Trepassey, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.  
One Constable at Little Placentia, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Saint Mary's, Twenty-five Pounds.  
One Constable at Oderin, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Merasheen, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Burin, Twenty-five Pounds.  
One Constable at St. Lawrence, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Lamaline, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Grand Bank, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Jersey Harbour, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Harbour Britain, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Hermitage Bay, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Burgeo Islands, Twelve Pounds.  
One Constable at Spaniard's Bay, Twelve Pounds.

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

A Clerk of the Peace for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Sixty Pounds.  
A Clerk of the Peace at Harbour Grace, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.  
A Clerk of the Peace at Carbonear, Sixty 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.  
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 Harbor Britain, Thirty-five Pounds.  
A Clerk of the Peace at Burin, Thirty-five Pounds.

Provided that all Fees of Office received by the said respective Clerks of the Peace shall be accounted for by them and paid over Half- yearly to the Colonial Treasurer.

The sum of Two Hundred and Ten 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 Trinity, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Bonavista, Ten Pounds.

A Gaoler and Constable at Twillingate and Fogo, Ten Pounds.

A Gaoler at Ferryland, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Burin, Twenty-five Pounds.

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 Gaols.

The sum of Five Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expenses of Printing and Stationery.

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

The sum of Two Hundred 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 the expense of 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 expenses of each Circuit, in full for Table Money and Means of Conveyance, and for Payment of Rent of any Court Rooms where Court Houses may not be erected: Provided that Passages shall be allowed and provided on board of each Vessel proceeding on the respective Circuits, to such Members of the Bar as may desire to proceed thereon.

The sum of Four Thousand Pounds towards the Relief of the Poor.

The sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expenses of Lunatic Paupers.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the relief of Shipwrecked Sealing Crews.

The sum of One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence towards defraying the expenses of Lighting Saint John's with Gas.

The sum of Thirty-six Pounds and Ten Shillings towards defraying the expenses of the Men stationed 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 Sixty Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Keeper of the Colonial Building.

The sum of Three Hundred Pounds towards Payment of the expenses of carrying out the provisions of the Land Act.

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 for past , services.

The sum of Ten Pounds to Robert Smith, Constable, Greenspond.

The sum of Two Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds towards defraying the allowances of the following Ferrymen:

To a Ferryman at Manuals, Ten Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Great Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Little St. Lawrence, Ten Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Salmonier, Twenty-five Pounds,

To a Ferryman between Burin and Spoon Cove, Twenty Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Biscay Bay, Fifteen Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Portugal Cove, Twenty-five Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Holyrood, Thirty Pounds:—that is to say, for a Boat to be stationed near Crawley's on the South side and a Boat near Haley's on the North side of the Harbour, Fifteen Pounds each.

To a Ferryman at Aquafort, Fifteen Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Trinity, Twenty-five Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Malbay, Twelve Pounds.

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

To a Ferryman between Belle Isle and Topsail, Twenty Pounds.

To a Ferryman between Harbour Grace and Thomas Fitzgerald's on the South side of the Harbour, Twenty-five Pounds.

The sum of Five Hundred Pounds to defray Unforeseen Contingencies.

The sum of Fifty Pounds, towards the erection of a Pier at Belloram. Provided a similar amount, in labour or Lumber, shall be first contributed for that purpose by the Inhabitants of that place.

The sum of Forty-six Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, towards repairing LeMarchant Road.

The sum of Five Hundred Pounds, towards Repairing and Supporting the St. John's Hospital, put of which sum Four Hundred Pounds to be appropriated towards the repairing of the said Hospital, and the remaining sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the support thereof. Provided such sum shall be in lieu of all Dues collected from Fishermen and Shoremen.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the Erection of Hydrants in St. John's.

The sum of Ten Pounds towards the support of James Silvey, an infirm person.

The sum of Eighty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence, towards compensating the St. John's and Carbonear Electric Telegraph Company, for damage done the Wires of that Line, and for other losses sustained thereby: Provided always that the sum granted by the Legislature in its last Session, for the protection of that Line, shall not be expended.

The sum of Ten Pounds towards compensating John Shaw, Chainman to the Surveyor General, for extra services.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards paying the expenses of a Survey for the construction of a Breakwater at Carbonear, during the ensuing summer.

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

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

The sum of Seventy-five Pounds to the widow of the late Harcourt Mooney, Esq., for publishing proceedings of the Courts of Law.

The sum of Three Hundred Pounds towards constructing a Breakwater at Bonavista.

The sum of Ten Pounds to William W. Carter, Assayer of Weights and Measures, towards defraying Rent of Office.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards providing Weights and Measures for the whole Island.

The sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds to the Newfoundland Steam Company; Provided that the said Company shall run their Steam Boat once a week, or once a fortnight, between Conception Bay and the Port of St. John's during the months of June, July, August, September and October; and also, if deemed expedient by the Governor and Council and the Directors of the said Company, that they shall run the said Steam Boat once a Month from the first day of June to the first day of October inclusive, between St. John's, Trinity, and Catalina.

The sum of Sixteen Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence to William T. Parsons, for attending and repairing the Town Clock, the past year.

The sum of Fifty Pounds to the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute St. John's, for the Museum in connection therewith.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the Committee of the Library and Reading Room, St John's, for the Library.

The sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards the support of the Agricultural Society: Provided that the sum of One Hundred Pounds, part of the said sum, shall be expended for that purpose in the Outports of this Island.

The sum of One Hundred and One Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Ten Pence towards defraying the balance of last year's expenses of Lunatic Paupers.

The sum of Sixty Pounds towards defraying the expenses of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, St. John's.

The sum of Forty Pounds to the St. John's Water Company Fire Brigade and for providing and erecting Two Hydrants therein.

The sum of Fifteen Pounds towards sinking Wells and constructing Tanks at Bonavista.

The sum of Ten Pounds towards compensating David Rogers for extra services.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds to Joseph Woods, towards defraying the expenses of publishing an Almanac.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds to the Right Rev. Dr. Mullock towards the completion of the Wall and Fence round the old Roman Catholic Burial Ground in St. John's.

The sum of Fifty Pounds to the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company towards defraying the expense of Lighting Twelve Gas Lamps in that Town.

The sum of Fifteen Pounds towards defraying the expenses of keeping a Ferry-boat and Ferry at Mortier Bay.

The sum of Ten Pounds towards the support of Miss Margaret Coyle, Teacher, St. John's.

The sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds to the Rector and Churchwardens of the Episcopalian Church in St. John's, towards defraying the expenses of Fencing and making a Retaining Wall round the old Burial Ground therein.



The sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying the expenses of fitting-up the Lock-up-house in St. Johns: Provided that the said sum shall be taken and appropriated out of the balance of the Market- house funds.

The sum of Fourteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence, towards paying a balance due to the Imperial Post Office.

The sum of Twenty Pounds to Patrick Ryan, to compensate him for a loss sustained by him, by the falling of a Rock at Logy Bay.

The sum of Twenty Pounds to the Stipendiary Magistrate at Twillingate, as compensation for extra services.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expense of the Night Watch in St. John's.

The sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds to James Tobin, Esquire, late Stipendiary Magistrate of St. George's Bay, on account of compensation for loss of that office, the same having been abolished in consequence of the inhabitants of that place not contributing any duties to the Revenue of this Colony.

The sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying the expenses of the New York Exhibition.

The sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Five Pence towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for Monies advanced by him during the past year towards the Relief of the Poor.

The sum of Forty Pounds, towards the erection of a Public Wharf at Point Verd, in Placentia Bay: Provided the Inhabitants of that Bay shall first contribute a like sum for that purpose.

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

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

The sum of Fifty Pounds, towards the support of the Industrial Department of the Orphan Asylum School at St. John's.

The sum of Thirty-five Pounds towards keeping and supporting the Half-way House on the Salmonier Road.

The sum of Two Thousand Pounds, towards the Relief of the Casual Poor of this Island.

The sum of Four Hundred Pounds, towards the Relief of Outport Permanent Poor.

The sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor (appropriated by Address during the present Session) for the Protection of the Fisheries on the Coast of Labrador, and in the Straits of Belle Isle; which sum of money includes the unexpended balance of the sum appropriated by the Legislature in its last Session for the said service.

The sum of Six Hundred Pounds, towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor (appropriated by Address during the present Session) for the purchase of Seed Potatoes and Grain.

The sum of Thirty-five Pounds, towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor, (appropriated by Address No. 62, during the present session) for the payment of certain Printing Expenses connected with the Post Office Establishment of this Colony.

The sum of Two Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expenses of constructing Hydrants, Water Tanks, and Pumps, under the direction of the Honorable the Surveyor General, as follows;—The sum of Sixty Pounds for the construction of Water Tanks and Pumps in Carbonear; the sum of Eighty Pounds for the like purpose in St. John's; and the remaining sum of Sixty Pounds for the construction of Hydrants therein; Provided that out of the said sum of Eighty Pounds, there shall be paid the sum of Ten Pounds to William Coyle, and a like sum to John Boggan, for Water Tanks constructed by them in St. John's.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds to Donald Bethune, Sub-Collector at Carbonear, in addition to his annual Salary.

The sum of Twenty-five Pounds to James Winter, Sub-Collector at Fogo, in addition to his annual salary.

The sum of One Hundred Pounds to defray the salary of a District Surgeon for Conception Bay.

The sum of Ten Pounds to Mrs. Keith, compensation for Land appropriated to the Public in Harbor Grace.

The sum of Fifteen Pounds to Bartholomew Dunphy, as compensation 1 for Land taken by the Road Commissioners, to increase the width of the Main Road from St. John's to Salmonier and Conception Bay.

The sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds as additional compensation to Second-class Tide-waiters at the Port of St. John's.

II. 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 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 other Act of the Legislature.

III. That it shall be lawful for the Governor 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

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power to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for all monies paid by him and all Warrants drawn upon him by virtue of this Act or of any other Act of the Legislature, and finally to settle and close the 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.