

Your Committee beg further to recommend, that the sum of ten pounds be placed at the disposal of the Speaker, to obtain from London a complete set of all the Returns and Reports made to Parliament relative to the affairs of Canada and the Lower Provinces—being satisfied from their examination of many of these documents, and from the low price at which they are printed and sold, that the set could be procured for this outlay; and that the benefit they would confer in affording information and precedents on subjects of local legislation, would amply repay this trifling expense.

They further recommend that means should be taken to obtain from the Colonial Office or from the office of the Provincial Secretary here, copies of the Blue Book from the date of their first transmission up to the present time; and also a complete set of Norton's Colonial Tables. The latter could be obtained at the Board of Trade free of charge; and your Committee are satisfied, that on this subject being submitted to the Colonial Secretary, that he would for the future direct a copy of all Parliamentary Returns relating to these Colonies, to be sent for the use of the House free of expense, except perhaps the cost of carriage.

Your Committee are happy to state that they have examined the Copy of the Annual Register from 1760 up to the present time, consisting of 84 volumes, obtained by the Speaker since the last Session, and regard it as a most interesting and valuable addition to the Library. The Clerk has directed suitable shelves to be provided for its reception.

Your Committee beg lastly to state, that, in the present state of the Provincial Funds, and the imperative necessity which exists for carefully husbanding the public monies to promote useful objects of improvement, they are not disposed to recommend any costly additions to the Library. The objects above suggested will entail but a trifling expense in comparison with the benefits which will be derived from them, in the safe conduct of the public business, and in the promotion of sound and judicious Legislation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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SIR,—

I have the honor to offer the following Report on the services of the Revenue Boat employed under my direction during the past year.

In my Report of the preceding year, I stated that an encreasing trade with the French Island of St. Peters, was carried on from the Bras d'Or Lake, which occasioned the services of the Boat to be much engaged at that part of the station. The amount of Agricultural produce exported to the French market has been still greater during the past year, and about twenty vessels are owned in the harbors around the Lake, and employed in that trade. Ship building is also prosecuted to a greater extent in its more distant Bays, causing a considerable increase of traffic. I have therefore found it advisable, as in former years, to confine the employment of the Boat almost exclusively to the waters of the Bras d'Or, no other part of the station demanding so great a degree of vigilance.

As long as the allowance would defray the expenditure, the Boat was so employed; and during that time entries of return cargoes were made both at the Customs and Excise. The vessels engaged in the trade return with a French clearance specifying the articles on board, which is produced when there is a probability of detection by the Revenue Officers, but
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