

and sixpence per ounce, troy weight, of sterling alloy, or in gold coin proportionably; or in merchantable hemp, flax, winter and Isle-of-Sable codfish, refined bar-iron, bloomery-iron, hollow iron-ware, Indian corn, rye, wheat, barley, pork, beef, duck or canvas, whalebone, cordage, train-oil, beeswax, bayberry-wax, tallow, peas, sheepswool, or tann'd sole-leather (the aforesaid commodities being of the produce or manufactures of this province), at such moderate rates and prizes as the general assemblies of the years one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, and one thousand seven hundred and sixty shall set them at; the several persons paying their taxes in any of the commodities aforementioned, to run the risque and pay the charge of transporting the said commodities to the province treasury; but if the aforesaid general assemblies shall not, at their session in May, some time before the twentieth day of June in each year, agree upon and set the aforesaid species and commodities at some certain price, that then the eldest councillor, for the time being of each of those counties in the province, of which any one of the councillors is an inhabitant, together with the province treasurer, or the major part of them, be a committee, who hereby are directed and fully authorized and impowred to do it; and in their settling the prizes and rating the value of those commodities, to state so much of them, respectively, at seven shillings and sixpence as an ounce of silver will purchase at that time in the town of Boston, and so *pro ratâ*. And the treasurer is hereby directed to insert in the several warrants by him sent to the several collectors of the taxes in each year, with the names of the afore-recited commodities and the several prizes or rates which shall be set on them, either by the general assembly or the committee aforesaid, and direct the aforesaid collectors to receive them so.

How the commodities brought into the treasury are to be rated.

[SECT. 11.] And the aforesaid commodities, so brought into the treasury, shall, as soon as may be, be disposed of by the treasurer to the best advantage, for so much as they will fetch in bills of credit hereby to be emitted, or for silver or gold, which silver and gold shall be delivered to the possessors of said bills in exchange for them; that is to say, one ounce of silver coin, and so gold in proportion, for seven shillings and sixpence, and so *pro ratâ* for a greater or less sum; and if any loss shall happen by the sale of the aforesaid species, or by any unforeseen accident, such deficiency shall be made good by a tax of the year next following, so as fully and effectually to call in the whole sum of eighty-two thousand pounds in said bills hereby ordered to be emitted; and if there be a surplusage, it shall remain a stock in the treasury. [*Passed June 10; published July 1.*]

Treasurer to sell the said commodities.

## CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING A SUM FOR THE PAY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED, AND FOR THE ESTABLISHING THE WAGES, &c., OF SUNDRY PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE PROVINCE.

*Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives,*

[SECT. 1.] That from the beginning of the present session of the general court, unto the end of their several sessions, till May next, each member of the council shall be intituled to four shillings and sixpence per diem, to be paid out of the publick treasury by warrant, ac-

Pay of the members of the council.

ording to the direction of the royal charter, upon certificate given by the secretary of the number of days of such member's attendance and travel to and from the court, twenty miles to be accounted a day's travel.

*And be it further enacted,*

Pay of the representatives.

[SECT. 2.] That each member of the house of representatives serving the time aforesaid, shall be paid three shillings per diem, upon certificate given by the clerk of the house of representatives of the number of days of such member's attendance and travel to and from the court, twenty miles to be accounted a day's travel.

*And be it further enacted,*

Pay of the officers and soldiers at Castle William.

[SECT. 3.] That the wages of the captain of Castle William shall be after the rate of sixty pounds per annum, from the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-six; of the lieutenant, for that term, forty pounds; of the chaplain, forty pounds; of the gunner, thirty-two pounds ten shillings; of the gunner's mate, forty shillings per month; of four serjeants, each thirty shillings per month; of six quarter-gunners, each thirty shillings per month; of six corporals, each twenty-six shillings and sixpence per month; two drummers, each twenty-six shillings and sixpence per month; of one armourer, forty shillings per month; of one hundred centinels until the first day of September, and forty centinels only from said first day of September until the twentieth of November next, each twenty-two shillings and sixpence per month: for their subsistence, six shillings and threepence per week per man.

*And be it further enacted,*

Richmond Fort.

[SECT. 4.] That the wages of the captain of Richmond Fort, from the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, shall be at the rate of forty shillings per month; of one serjeant, twenty-five shillings per month; of one corporal, twenty-four shillings per month; of one armourer, thirty shillings per month; and for the chaplain, twenty-five pounds per annum; of one interpreter, fifteen shillings per month, being a centinel; and twelve centinels, twenty-two shillings and sixpence per month.

*And be it further enacted,*

Truck-house at George's River.

[SECT. 5.] That the wages of the captain of the truck-house on George's River, from the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, shall be at the rate of forty shillings per month; of one lieutenant, twenty-six shillings per month; of one serjeant, twenty-five shillings per month; of two corporals, each twenty-four shillings per month; of thirty-three centinels, each twenty-two shillings and sixpence per month; of one armourer, fourteen shillings per month, he being lieutenant; of one interpreter, thirty shillings per month; and of the chaplain there, twenty-five pounds per annum.

*And be it further enacted,*

Brunswick Fort.

[SECT. 6.] That the wages of the commanding officer of the fort at Brunswick, from the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, shall be at the rate of forty shillings per month; of eleven centinels, each twenty-two shillings and sixpence per month; one serjeant, at twenty-five shillings per month.

*And be it further enacted,*

Truck-house at Saco River.

[SECT. 7.] That the wages of one serjeant at the truck-house at Saco, from the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hun-

dred and forty-five, to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, shall be at the rate of thirty shillings per month; of one corporal, twenty-four shillings per month; of twelve centinels, each twenty-two shillings and sixpence per month.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 8.] That the wages of the commanding officer of Frederick Fort, from the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, shall be at the rate of forty shillings per month; of the chaplain there, fifteen pounds per annum; and of twenty-one centinels, each at twenty-two shillings and sixpence per month.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 9.] That the wages of the captain of the sloop in the country's service, from the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, shall be at the rate of four pounds per month; of the mate, three pounds ten shillings per month; of eight sailors, each forty shillings per month; for the sloop, three shillings and ninepence per ton per month.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 10.] That before payment of any muster-roll be allowed, oath be made by the officer or person presenting such roll, that the officers and soldiers born on such roll have been in actual service for the whole time they stand entred thereon. [*Passed June 28; published July 1,*

Frederick Fort.

Country's sloop.

Oath to be made, &amp;c.

## CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE TREASURY WITH THE SUM OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS FOR THE EXPEDITION AGAINST CANADA, AND FOR DRAWING IN THE SAID BILLS INTO THE TREASURY AGAIN.

*Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives,*

[SECT. 1.] That the treasurer be and hereby is impowred and ordered to emit and issue forth the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds, in bills of credit of the last tenor and date, now lying in his hands, and received for taxes, impost, and excise, which shall pass in all publick payments equal to other new-tenor bills emitted since one thousand seven hundred and forty; or, if there be not a sufficiency of such bills, that then the committee to be appointed for signing bills are hereby directed and impowred to take care and make effectual provision, as soon as may be, to imprint the said bills, or so many as may be needed to compleat the said sum, and to sign and deliver the same to the treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; and the said committee shall be under oath for the faithful performance of the trust by this act reposed in them; and the said sum of twenty-five thousand pounds shall be issued out of the publick treasury for the purpose following; viz., for purchasing provisions, fitting transports, and paying advance wages of sailors in the expedition intended against Canada, and for no other use and purpose whatsoever.

*And be it enacted,*

[SECT. 2.] That if there be any surplusage in the sum appropriated as aforesaid, such surplusage shall lie in the treasury for the further order of this court.

£25,000 bills of credit to be emitted.

£25,000 for purchasing provisions, fitting transports, paying advance wages, &amp;c., for the intended expedition against Canada.

Surplusage to lie in the treasury.