

...the name, and it has been contrasted with the Ready Reckoner, a book calculated for the use of those who are ignorant of numbers, and which on all common occasions presents them at once with the answer wanted. I must confess that if there be any wit or ridicule in this comparison, it fails to give me any uneasiness; for it were well that all my readers could give an account of their time, their estate, and their progress in virtue. Were they to reckon accurately in these three particulars, to present a just statement of them with every item properly accounted for, they would find it a most agreeable employment. Those who have given themselves the trouble to inquire into what true felicity consists have found that it was the balance of pleasure above the aggregate of pains; when by pleasure we understand every satisfaction or agreeable emotion of the mind, and by pain every uneasiness or disturbance. Now it is exceedingly manifest that if we be bad reckoners, that is, bad arithmeticians, in the article of pleasure; if we are incapable of keeping an exact account of one day's enjoyments, so as to compare it with the balance of our next—in fine, if we are not as correct as in our money receipts and disbursements we are sure to fall into error, and to raise the balance in favor of pain.

When the late Capt. Grose, of celebrated memory, was asked how he came to lose so much money when he was captain of a company and paymaster of the regiment, he answered, "because all the account I kept was receiving in one pocket and giving out from the other." Had he reckoned a little more accurately, it would not have contributed to his disadvantage. That debtors to money or to good morals should be displeased with the name I have assumed, does not surprise me, tho' perhaps some of my good neighbors here in the Bay, who were filled with golden dreams last year, would not have feared the worse had they possessed the sobriety and accuracy of the RECKONER. But this name appears to smell too much of the Americans. Truly that enterprising and industrious people are sometimes out of their reckoning in their various speculations; but a good English word does not become contaminated by their use of it. A reckoner is a reasoner, and it is no more necessary that his reckoning should be always about money, or his tavern bills, than that the thinker should always pore over the same idea. Those who are angry at my name do not understand the real meaning of the word. They do not know that to reckon is to estimate, to think with ourselves, to collect as by reason or argument. We are all Reckoners. This is more easily proved than the proposition of Democritus, that we are all mad, which nobody pretends now to dispute.

PRISCILLA, just turned of twelve, reckons up the time when she is allowed to appear in company, to dance at the assembly, when to have a lover, when to be married. AVARUS counts the days of his clerkship, the profits of his shop—when he shall be rich—when he shall be able to retire. But say the ladies cold reasoning suits ill with that warmth of feeling, which it was expected you would indulge.—Alas! quick sensibility may enhance our joys and enable us to feel what would not touch another; but it adds pungency likewise to our vexations, and exposes us to many unfeeling persons of duller apprehensions. When therefore the advantages and disadvantages are reckoned, the balance is small. I do not know a title so well suited to my design; it is synonymous with reasoner—of this all writers in logic have been so much convinced that they have taken the best illustrations of their rules from the more appropriate studies of the Reckoner. No person therefore can find fault with my name, who is desirous of acquiring any knowledge in morals, literature or business, who is desirous of obtaining those flattering distinctions claimed by superior understandings, or of avoiding the disgrace attached to ignorance and stupidity. To reckon is to reason; and to reason is the glory of human nature. They who despise my name despise themselves, for we must all be Reckoners, as we have all at last an account to give in.

LAW OF UPPER CANADA.

An Act for granting to his Majesty a certain sum of money, out of the funds applicable to the use of this Province, to defray the expenses of amending and opening the public highways and roads, and building of bridges in the several districts thereof.—[Passed the 13th of March, 1811.]

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,
WHEREAS it would much advance the general prosperity of this Province, if the public highways and roads were amended; may it please your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council and assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, [part of enacting clause omitted] That out of the

rates and duties already raised, levied and collected, or hereafter to be raised, levied and collected, to and for the use of this Province, there be granted to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, the sum of three thousand four hundred and fifty pounds, to be issued out of the funds now remaining or hereafter to come into the receiver general's hands, unappropriated and arising from such rates and duties as last aforesaid, which said sum of 3,450 pounds shall be disposed of, appropriated and applied in repairing the roads already laid out, and building bridges in the several districts of this province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said sum of £3,450 shall be appropriated in the following manner; to the eastern district £400, which said sum of £400 shall be laid out and expended on the following roads: commencing at Sutherland's creek in Lancaster, from thence to the point au Bodet, £100; and £74 16s. and 10d. to be laid out on the aforesaid, that is now in the commissioners hands in the Eastern district; and £100 in the county of Dundas; £50 to be laid out in building a bridge at captain McMartin's, and £50 to build a bridge near Munrow's mills, across the creek; and £100 to be laid out on the post-road, to commence at John Matic's in the township of Cornwall, and continue on said road to the province line, county of Prescott; on the front road of east and west Hawkesbury, beginning at the Lower Canada line, from thence to the west line of Hawkesbury, near Alex. Grant's, £100; to the district of Johnstown £400; county of Grenville, on the bridge in Johnstown, £50; to build a bridge over the river Rideau, from lot number 26 in the township of Marlborough to lot number 5 in the township of Oxford, £100; from James Humphrey's, in Edwardburgh, to Lewis Grant's mill, £120s.; from Johnstown to Gideon Adams's, Esq. £120s.; on the bridges between Thomas Fraser's, Esq. and Johnstown, £25; £20 on the front road leading from Adam Cole's in Elizabeth Town, to Charles Jones's mills in the township of Yonge; and £100 on the road leading from the aforesaid mills to the easternmost boundary of the Midland district; and £80 on the road leading from the iron works in Lansdown, to Stephen Walthburn's in Lansdown aforesaid, thence to Solomon Conley's, thence to Abraham Randall's, thence to Nathaniel Brown's, thence to Abraham Coon's, on such part of the aforesaid roads as shall by the said commissioners be deemed most necessary; to the Midland district £400, which sum shall be expended on the roads as follows, that is to say, from the eastern boundary of the township of Pittsburgh by the King's mills to the town of Kingston, the sum of £100; from the east side of Collins's creek in the third concession of the township of Kingston, to the road passing through the fourth concession of Ernest Town, £40; from the western boundary of the township of Richmond to the eastern boundary of the township of Thurlow, £120; £70 to the bridge to be built or repaired, on the second concession road of the township of Kingston; £50 from Townsend Carman's house to the Carrying Place, in the township of Ameliaburgh; £20 from the western boundary of the district of Johnstown, on the road leading from the iron works in the township of Lansdown, until it intersects the road in the township of Pittsburgh near the Kingston mills; to the district of Newcastle £400, that the said sum shall be laid out as follows, on the road leading from the Carrying Place at the head of the bay of Quinty, to the mills on lot number 34 in the 1st concession of the township of Murray, £100; on the road leading from the river Trent to the east line of the township of Cramahe, £100; on the road near the line in front of the 2d concession of the township of Cramahe, £40; on Dundas street, leading thro' the townships of Clark, and Darlington, in the county of Durham, £160.

Provided always, that if any part of the above named roads in the district of Newcastle and the district of Johnstown, shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of an act passed in the 50th year of his Majesty's reign, intitled "An act to provide for the laying out, amending, and keeping in repair the public highways and roads in this province, and to repeal the law now in force for that purpose," before any of the sums above granted shall be expended on them, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to open and amend the said road so altered, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding. That the sum of £600 appropriated for the Home district, be expended as follows, viz. £150 on the road from the eastern boundary of the Home district on Dundas street, to the bridge over the river Rouge or Nen; £200 on the road known by the name of the middle road from the town of York to the river Credit; £250 for building of bridges over the rivers of Humber and Credit, near the mouth of each river respectively, on the line of road called the mid-

dle road as aforesaid: to the district of Niagara the sum of 450l. from Vanderlip's thro' the Grand river swamp, to Alexander West-book's, 125l.; from Brady's tavern, thro' Saltfleet to the Forty-mile creek, 50l.; on the new lake road from the Forty-mile creek, to the beach at Jones's, 10l.; from the Forty-mile creek eastwardly to Shipman's tavern at the Twelve-mile creek, 60l.; from Shipman's on the middle road leading to Niagara until that road intersects the lake road, 45l.; from Shipman's tavern on the road leading to Queenston, 10l.; from William Steel's in Humberston, to Elijah Doane's in Crowland, 50l.; and that the commissioners of public highways for the district of Niagara are hereby authorized and required to apply on the building a bridge across the outlet of Burlington bay, being on the division line between the Home district and district of Niagara, 100l.; to the district of London, the sum of 400l. the money in the district of London shall be applied on the public road leading thro' the townships of Burford, Oxford, and Delaware Town, in the following manner, that is, from the now dwelling house of John Yeighs in Burford, to the junction of the roads on a westerly course, about one mile from Samuel Kiney's, 20l.; from the west part of the Pine Wind Falls to the Cooly place, 30l.; from thence to the township line of Oxford, 45l.; from thence to Capt. Canfield's 85l.; from thence to Halkins's, 30l.; from Cortwright's now dwelling house to Reynolds's mills in Dorchester, 40l.; from thence to Archibald M'Millan's in Westminster, 60l.; from the west side of the river Latranch in the wilderness, 90l.; to the Western district the sum of 400l. from the Moravian village to Amherstburgh, 250l.; from Amherstburgh to John Cornwell's 100l.; from the Moravian town on the Delaware wilderness, 50l.

III.—That at any time from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the governor, lieutenant governor, or person administering the government of this province, to appoint one or more commissioner or commissioners for each and every district of this province, for carrying the provisions of this act into execution; which commissioner or commissioners shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby required to proceed to repair and amend such roads, and build such bridges in each and every district of this province, as herein before described, to which he or they shall be respectively appointed, and the said commissioner or commissioners respectively, shall cause the work required by this act, to be done or performed between the 1st day of May and the 1st day of November.

IV.—That the said commissioners respectively appointed by this act, shall once in every year, on or before the 1st day of January, transmit to the governor, lieutenant governor, or person administering the government of this province, a true account of the expenditures of the money by him or them received, under and by virtue of this act (in detail) with proper vouchers accompanying the same, to be laid before the legislature for their inspection.

V.—That it shall and may be lawful for the governor, lieutenant governor, or person administering the government of this province, to direct the money appropriated and apportioned as aforesaid, for each and every district thereof, to be paid to any one of the commissioners for such district or districts applying for the same.

VI.—That before any commissioner shall proceed to carry into execution the several powers and authorities by this act conferred, he shall take the following oath: I, A. B. do swear that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my skill and judgment, perform and carry into execution, the several powers and authorities in me vested in and by a certain act of the legislature of this province, intitled, [Here follows the title of this act] without favor or affection to any person or persons whomsoever, and will duly and faithfully account for all monies which shall from time to time come into my hands for the purpose of carrying the provisions of the said act into execution, so help me God; which said oath shall be taken before any one of his Majesty's justices of the peace, in and for the district for which such commissioner shall be appointed; and a certificate of such oath, the justice administering the same, is hereby required to transmit to the clerk of the house of assembly of this province, with all convenient speed, after such oath shall have been by him administered: Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby declared, that nothing herein contained shall repeal or annul any of the provisions of any existing act or acts of this province contained, for raising or levying the rates thereby imposed, or compelling the labor by such acts, or in any of them required to be done and performed on any public highways and roads comprised in such acts; but all and every such act and acts, is and are hereby declared to be and continue in full force; provided also, that nothing in any former law or statute of this

province contained, shall from and after the passing of this act, be held or construed to empower or authorize any magistrate or officer in any such law or statute mentioned, in any manner to interfere or give directions touching or concerning any road or highway to be laid out, or repaired under and by virtue of this act; nevertheless, the said magistrates and overseers, and every of them, is and are hereby authorized to carry into execution, all and every such power and authority, as by such law or statute, they are vested with, in all cases in which the executing such power will not impede, or interfere with the powers or authorities given in and by virtue of this act. [The remainder of this and the following section repeats that part of a former act, which directs that "50l. be appropriated on the road leading from the iron works in Lansdown, to Kingston, to commence at Levy Hatchkuffes in Leeds, thence to continue on to the easternmost boundary of the Midland district," and directs that the said sum be laid out "on the road leading from the aforesaid iron works to the eastern boundary of the Midland district."]

VIII.—That the money hereby granted to his Majesty, shall be paid by the receiver general, in discharge of such warrant or warrants, as shall for the purposes herein set forth, be issued by the governor, lieutenant governor, or person administering the government of this province, and the receiver general shall account to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, for the same, thro' the lords commissioners of his Majesty's treasury, for the time being, in such manner and form as his Majesty, his heirs and successors, shall be graciously pleased to direct.

IX.—That each and every commissioner appointed under the authority of any former act, or acts of the parliament of this province, for laying out, amending, and keeping in repair the public highways and roads in this province, in whose hands any balance remaining unexpended, and who shall not be appointed a commissioner under and by virtue of this act, shall on or before the 1st day of May next, pay over every such balance, into the hands of any one commissioner appointed under and by virtue of this act, in their respective districts, in which such commissioners heretofore appointed may reside, and the said balances, the commissioner or commissioners appointed under or by virtue of this act, are hereby authorized and required to expend in their several districts, as by the act of the 50th year of his Majesty's reign is required.

TO BE LET,

THE HOUSE now occupied by Mr. SAMUEL HOWE, carpenter. For further particulars apply to the subscriber, ALEXR. MACDONELL, Kingston, March 26, 1811. 27

CANDLES.

THE subscriber has just received 75 Boxes dipped, and 16 Boxes mould CANDLES, which will be sold low by the box or less quantity.

ALSO—A few Fur Caps, weavers' Reeds, Clover Seed—and a complete assortment of Dry Goods, Liquors and Groceries, Crockery and Hardware; which will be sold as usual at the Montreal prices, and all kinds of produce received in payment.—Cash paid for most kinds of Produce. S. BARTLET, Kingston, February 26, 1811. 23

TO BE SOLD,

A GOOD stand for a TAVERN, heretofore occupied by the subscriber, consisting of a good two story dwelling-house, horse shed and stables, together with 6 acres of land, being a part of lot No. 12 in the 2d concession, on a cross-road in Ernest Town. For terms of sale inquire of JOHN BELL, Ernest Town, March 12, 1811. 25

THE subscriber in-

forms the inhabitants of KINGSTON and its vicinity, that he intends carrying on the MASONING BUSINESS, such as brick laying, stone work and plastering; he will be ready to perform any business in his line at short notice, and in a workman-like manner. MOSES DRAKE, First door South of Walker's Hotel.

CASH paid for RAGS,

AT THE PRINTING OFFICE, KINGSTON.

House Building and Painting.

THE subscribers hereby give notice to the inhabitants of Kingston, Ernest Town, Adelsborough, and other adjoining places, that they intend to employ the next season in this vicinity, in PAINTING HOUSES, outside and inside, Patent Painting of Rooms, &c. and the business of HOUSE CARPENTERS and JOINERS. Their work will be executed with neatness and dispatch. Application may be made at the dwelling-house of Mr. STOURTON, innkeeper, in Kingston, Mrs. DAVY, in Ernest Town, or Mr. O. RANKY, innkeeper, in Adelsborough. NATHAN WHITEHEAD, Nov. 20, 1810, ANDREW PICKENS.