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2	1816	Memorial, Richard Cunningham to Lt. Gov.: concerning re-enactment of law imposing duty on gypsum, for which he and others have suffered under; mentions trade between Windsor, Nova Scotia and Boston
3	1816	Address to His Majesty's Council to Lt. Gov: [looks like a draft], rejoicing at the end of war and peace and to future good fortunes
4	1816	Address to Council and House of Assembly by J. Sherbrooke [Lt. Gov.]: post war jubilation; Treaty and consequences for fishing and lumber in West Indies; public accounts for last year ready and estimates for civil establishment and other services required for present year; weather inhibited road works but much accomplished such that much better for travellers; recommended to me that light houses need improvements and submit to you for consideration
5	1816	Summary of Report upon the Expenditure of Monies granted by the Legislature for the Repairs of Roads and Bridges under the direction of supervisors in 1815: organised by supervisors - William Smith, supervisor of road from Sackville to the West end of Ardoise Hill; Terence Cochran, supervisor of road from western side Ardoise Hill to Halfway River in Horton; James Keys, supervisor of road from Keys Bridge on the Truro line; George McKay, supervisor of road from King's Bridge to Truro; signed Michael Wallace, auditor
6	1816	Petition to His Majesty's Council by certain inhabitants of Kings County against building a bridge over Cornwallis River near Campbell's, and why
7	1816	Report of Committee of Council on accounts of money appropriated by Legislature for the payment of arms issued to the Militia; signed John Black and Brenton Haliburton
8	1816	Memorial of Inhabitants of Townships of Cornwallis and Horton in Kings County to Lt. Gov. Sherbrooke:

		hardship over not having a bridge for communication; uncertainty and insecurity of ferry (lower part of River); extensive list of names
9	1817	Petition of John Moody, James Tidmarsh, William Bruce Almon, Temple Foster Piers, George Piers Lawson: established a business in Halifax of manufacturing refined sugar, expenditures and difficulties, requests assistance in easement of import duties for raw material
10	1817	Public accounts of 1816 reported upon by the Committee delivered to Council: bridges and roads, e.g. Cornwallis Bridge £1500
11	1818	Account Current with the Province for seed grain imported from England in 1817: signed Michael Wallace and Charles Hill
12	No date	To His Excellency Earl of Dalhousie from Council [looks like a draft]: death in Royal Family; will cooperate with other branches of Legislature concerning militia's efficiency and removing any defects in Act regulating gypsum trade, will pay attention to importance of fisheries, advancement of agriculture and improving roads; pleasure at unanimity of Legislature
13	No date	House of Assembly's consideration on the Bill sent to Council: Act for granting certain bounties to encourage agriculture and fisheries; to be sent to Council for their concurrence
14	1817	House of Assembly to Council for concurrence concerning the Cornwallis Bridge and funding of; signed James Francklin, clerk
15	1817	Speech of Lt. Gov. Dalhousie at the close of Sessions, directed to Mr. President and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: great pleasure at the harmony and unanimity prevailing in deliberations; hopes measures implemented to relieve distress in Province will prove effectual by helping industry
16	1817	Petition to Lt. Gov. from inhabitants of Annapolis County: concerning impoverished state of the County due to a want of a circulating medium, i.e. money; extensive list of signatories
17	1817	Report of Committee of Public Accounts of the Attorney General, read and accepted in Council: concerning fees allowed to charge, etc.
18	1820	Names of Proprietors who joined in the request for building a dyke across Conner River, also names of those who did not join request, and those who have since bought marsh land; signed William Chipman, clerk; includes amount of rateable marsh land when dyke is completed
19	1817	Account Current with Province for grain, flour, meal, etc. from United States in spring 1817: to Michael Wallace, Charles Hill, William Lawson, commissioners appointed to procure; signed Michael Wallace, Charles Hill and William Lawson
20-21	1817	Nova Scotia. Court of Vice Admiralty (Court of Appeals for Prizes): attachments and arrest against George Grassie, Jacob Van Buskirk, John Hardy, Charles McCarthy, Job Helfield, owners of ship of war <i>Nelson</i> (Ephraim Dean commander); brought on by Jeremiah Dick, merchant in London and claimant of ship <i>Bat</i>
22	1818	Resolution in House of Assembly: based on Report of the Committee of Privileges concerning the arrest of

		Jacob Van Buskirk, member of the House and representative for the County of Shelburne; conclusion is that he is entitled to be discharged from custody by virtue of his privilege as member; signed James Francklin, clerk
23	1818	Court of Chancery: letter concerning privilege and topic referred to above
24	1818	Letter, Robie (Solicitor General) to Earl of Dalhousie: acknowledging receipt of resolution of House of Assembly concerning arrest of Jacob Van Buskirk, gives opinion and indicates writ applied for has been prepared by Attorney General
25	1818	Letter from Richard Uniacke (Attorney General): concerning House of Assembly's request for writ of privilege to be issued out of Chancery for immediate discharge of Van Buskirk from the arrest complained of; provides opinion on matter – entitled to have a writ of privilege, has prepared a draft of the writ and encloses
26	1818	Letter from House of Assembly (Robie, Speaker) to Earl of Dalhousie: requests a writ of privilege to be issued from His Majesty's Court of Chancery for discharge of Van Buskirk so he may continue to sit as a member in the House
27	1817	Petition to Lt. Gov. from merchants of Digby and other inhabitants of the same: concerning aid to ship owners carrying on in the fishery, mentions the bounty on the tonnage of vessels would be more conducive to encourage the Bank fishery and why
28	1817	Petition of subscribers inhabitants of Halifax: concerning the Act passed in 1813 pertaining to the issuance of Treasury Notes, its advantages and concerns due to depressed state of commerce and scarcity of specie if not continued, such as the necessity of establishing private Banks to counteract the evils resulting from a perpetual drain of specie to the United States; many signatories
29-30	1817	Report of the Committee of Council and House of Assembly appointed to examine the Public Accounts: accounts organised by place
31-32	No date	Petition [typescript] presented to House of Commons and House of Lords from merchants and others in trade with British North American colonies and in the fisheries of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, resident in London: regarding "the impolicy and injustice of the restrictive system applied to foreign commerce", express their objections to ever restrictive regulation of trade and all duties merely protective of foreign competition; explanation detailed on subject; no signatures
33	1819	Statement of Exports and Imports of Canada in 1819 and the number of ships cleared from there: extracted from <i>Quebec Gazette</i> ; [typescript]
34	1820	<i>Questions and Answers on the subject of the Timber Trade</i> : these have appeared in the <i>Times</i> newspaper on the 20 th and 25 th and contain information to understand the "important question so much agitated" of the expediency of laying a duty on timber imported from the British Colonies in North America; [5 pages, typescript]

35	1820	<i>Considerations on the Policy of Altering Existing Duties on the Importation of Timber:</i> The subject of the duties on wood, having been brought under discussion in early part of the year 1817, at the instance of representations made in behalf of those interested in foreign wood trade, the following letter was addressed by the Chairman of the Ship Owner's Society to the Committee of Council for Trade and Plantations; [8 pages, typescript]
36	1818	Report of the Committee of Council and House of Assembly appointed to examine Public Accounts: arranged by place, then section on roads and bridges account
37	1817	Letter from Lt. Gov. to Council: recommending measures adopted to give encouragement to <i>Indians</i> [natives] to cultivate land as their present state is <i>wretched and deplorable</i>
38	1817	Petition of John Lawson and others, commissioners of the poor of Halifax to Lt. Gov: due to rigours of the season and variety of other causes, distress is greater than has been for many years, poor house is filled with paupers of both sexes and all ages, and great proportion are transient poor for whom General Assembly have considered themselves more bound to provide; would like more money
39-41	1818	Accounts Current for Province to 31 Dec. 1818; also Report on Public Accounts by the Committee of Council and House of Assembly; latter contains a separate section for roads and bridges
42	1818	Abstract of dutiable goods imported into the Province from Jan.-Dec. 1818: includes totals for each county for brandy, spirits, wine, molasses, sugar, and coffee
43	1818	Address from Lt. Gov. to Council and House of Assembly: news of death of Princess Charlotte and sentiments; subject matters to be dealt with this Session – militia, measures to place it on a more efficient footing; improvement to the state of agriculture and the fisheries on the coast, and special attention to improvement of roads; further consideration of the law passed in 1816 to regulate export of gypsum; public accounts to be submitted for your inspection
44	No date	Petition to Lt. Gov. from Protestant Dissenting Ministers in the Province: concerning marriage licences provided by the governor, a new practice which they disagree with and explain why; includes signatures from Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists
45	No date	Answer of Sherbrooke to the joint address of Council and House of Assembly: conveys his thanks for flattering address (he has recently been promoted to chief command of His Majesty's North American Dominions); wishes best for Nova Scotia
46	1818	Petition of merchants and other persons in trade within the Town of Halifax interested in the fisheries of the Province to Lt. Gov. Earl of Dalhousie: concerned about present state of the fisheries; request encouragement to the merchant to import salt so as to furnish a steady supply, and an offer of some adequate bounty in order to promote a better mode of fishing than now practised; extensive list of signatories
47	1818	An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions [looks like a draft]: concerns actions of debt or actions occurring

		upon contract
48	No date	Memorial of magistrates and inhabitants of Kings County to Lt. Gov.: concerning the want of a circulating medium, mentions the present distressed circumstances in the area and the frustrations of agriculturalists – “such calamities have plunged them into unavoidable debt”; requests a paper currency; signed Elisha DeWolf, Chairman of the Committee investigating the distressed state of the County
49	1818	Address to Council from Lt. Gov. Earl of Dalhousie: appreciates support from Council; trusts they will give due attention and deliberation to matters he has put forward
50	No date	Address of Council in General Assembly to Lt. Gov. Earl of Dalhousie: acknowledges sorrow which afflicts Royal Family; responds to Lt. Gov.’s address in which is indicated certain subject matter to be given consideration – militia, fishery and agriculture, trade in gypsum, improving roads; signed Blowers, President
51	1818	Petition [see number 46]: this is a more formally written petition of same; also includes <i>Memoir On the Cod and Small Fisheries of Nova-Scotia</i> [not a personal memoir but a discussion of its state including some history for context]; [15 pages, typescript]
52-53	1811-1820	Report of Committee of Council and House of Assembly appointed to examine the Public Accounts; organised by place, additional sections on Auction Duty, Light Houses, Provincial House
54	1819	Account Receipt and Expenditures of Arms Duty
55	1818	Arms Duty Fund: signed Michael Wallace; mentions appropriations for churches, which cannot be paid until payment is received of loan made to magistrates of Sessions to build Sessions House
56	1820	Petition to Commissioners of Sewers: request a dyke to be built across Conner River above Blesses Landing (so called); signed William Chipman, Sewers Clerk, Cornwallis; signatures included with number of acres of marsh lands and flats for each; includes Committee’s response
57	1820[?]	Petition to Council from merchants and others of the Town of Halifax: concerning trade with United States, would like to see duties on the importation of flour from the United States to encourage agriculture in Province and increase trade to our sister colony to the advantage of both, by finding a market for our West India produce and employing British vessels to advantage, which are now without employment
58	1820[?]	Amendment of Act to allow importation of Rum or other spirits from His Majesty’s Colonies or Plantations in the West Indies into the Province of Quebec; includes a Schedule annexed relative to the drawback of duty on exports to the West Indies; e.g. of items on the list: oats – 2 pence per bushel, salmon – 50 pence per barrel
59	1823	Petition to Council in General Assembly from Commissioners of Sewers in Township of Cornwallis: dyke was commenced in 1817 on River Cunard to enclose upwards 600 acres marsh land and flats; request a law allowed to make an annual rate and assessment of the proprietors of said marsh land; provides reasons
60	1821	Public Accounts to Dec. 1820
61	1821	Report of Committee of Council and House of Assembly to examine and report on public accounts:

		organised by place; separate section for Light Houses, Loan Officers, Auction Duty
62	1821	List of Schools paid for 1820-May 1821: organised by place
63	No date	Statement of specific appropriations made by Lt. Gov. John Sherbrooke out of the Arms Fund: e.g. Work House in Halifax, paid to Chief Justice in the amount of £200; new church at Liverpool paid to Wardens for the amount of £500; and Rev. Inglis for opening and improving the road leading through the Black Settlement leading to Cole Harbour for £50
64	1819	Abstract of Monies paid to the orders of Lt. Gov. Sherbrooke out of the Arms Duty Fund: dates range from 1812 to 1816
65	1821	Memorandum of Civil Establishment: e.g. Attorney General - £222.45, Transient Poor - £600, Sable Island - £400
66	1821	Address of Council and House of Assembly to the Lt. Gov. respecting the plaster of paris trade: mentions distressed state of those carrying on this business in and from several ports and places in the Bay of Fundy, and Acts in New Brunswick that imposed a duty brought or imported into New Brunswick and repercussions for trade for Nova Scotians; requests Lt. Gov. ask Gov. of New Brunswick to repeal, etc.
67	1819	Protest of three members of Council respecting the vote of money for the Pictou Academy; [5 pages]
68	1819	Paper submitted and read by Attorney General to Council: to take into consideration an alteration in the legislative constitution which would be better adapted than the present to suit the increase of population; mentions a separate branch of Legislature
69-70	1818	Abstract of Expenditures upon Government House for repairs, and Estimate of Expense of repairs necessary to be made
72	1812	Account of the Expenditure of the monies granted by General Assembly in years 1808-9 to defray the expense of providing furniture for Government House; e.g. purchases made for the Levee Room – 12 chairs with cane bottoms - £70..15..6 sterling; also subheadings for purchases made for the dining room, dressing room, and saloon
73	1820	Letter to S.B. Robie (Speaker of the House of Assembly) from Earl of Dalhousie at Government House: mentions regret to sudden prorogation of the Assembly due to unexpected circumstances, communicates his “great surprise and mortification” at the rejection of the leading measures of his administration, and suppression in a disrespectful manner
74	1820	Letter to President of Council from Earl of Dalhousie at Government House: communicates letter abovementioned and requests it to be entered into the Proceedings of the last Session of the General Assembly
75	1820	Report of the Committee to enquire into the cause of confusion which took place in Council Chamber at the opening of Sessions and to suggest means for preventing the recurrence; concerns great disorder and confusion during the governor’s speech in the House due to a crowd of people; [incomplete, see number 78

		for the rest]
76	1820	Letter to Sir James Kempt [Lt. Gov.] from S.S. Blowers [Sampson Salter, chief justice and president of council]: provides his input into confusion pertaining to the abovementioned [number 75] and ways to obviate in the future – by admitting the House within the Bar, etc., as previous practice has been to receive the Speaker and Members of the Assembly on public occasions in the Council Chamber arranged around the Chair
77	1820	Order of Council: concerning the regulations pertaining to the order and ceremony to be observed upon all public occasions when Lt. Gov. proceeds in the Council Hall; [see numbers 75 and 76 also]
78	1820	Report of Committee continued from number 75: signed Brenton Haliburton, James Fraser[?]
79	1820	Abstract of Appropriations out of the Arms Fund uncalled for the 9 th Dec. 1820: two main headings – Sir George Prevost's in Trust; and Sir John Sherbrooke's, examples include- to build a small house for a schoolmaster and school room for the "negroes" [black inhabitants] at Preston £100, to aid inhabitants of Halifax to defray expense of providing lamp posts and lamps for lighting the streets and not to be paid until an equal sum shall be subscribed £250, signed Michael Wallace at the Treasurer's Office
80	1820	Address of Lt. Gov. to Council and House of Assembly on closing of Session: communicates importance of agriculture to the prosperity of the Province as well as a college open to all classes and denominations, and to a lesser extent but just as important, the state of the militia
81	1820	Estimate of the charge of defraying the expense of the Civil Establishment of Nova Scotia for the year 1819: Examples include Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court - £1500, Kings College Windsor - £444.8.10, <i>Gauger and Weigher</i> - £200; signed Dalhousie
82	1820	Address or Speech of Lt. Governor at the opening of Sessions 1820: communicates from England disturbances which have agitated the manufacturing districts, now put down by civil magistrates; unlike other nations, Nova Scotia enjoys tranquillity; explains some of Nova Scotia's difficulties – fisheries, agriculture, want of a survey of the Province, canal to connect Minas Basin and Halifax by the lakes of Shubenacadie, improvement of roads; encourages prudence with public funds; mentions Lt. Gen. Sir James Kempt's appointment to the government of Nova Scotia [as Lt. Gov].
83	1819	Address or Speech of Lt. Governor Dalhousie to Council and House of Assembly at closing of Sessions 1819: expresses his sentiments on the measures which deserved serious consideration – college in Halifax, Provincial Agricultural Society, expresses disappointment his suggestion on a system of Militia and for the improvement of roads have not been adopted; thankful for supplies granted for public service especially the means for a new line of road from Annapolis; regrets not able to agree to increase pay for members of House of Assembly
84	1819	Memorial of the Halifax Steam Boat Company to Lt. Governor and Council: concerns the great expense incurred by the Company of a conveyance across the Harbour of Halifax for passengers, horses and

		carriages; engaged in for the last 2 years; would like help to buy another boat; signed Henry Cogswell on behalf of the Company; includes attachment showing expenditure of the Company to Jan. 1819
85	1819	Memorial of merchants and inhabitants of Halifax to the Lt. Gov. and Council: concerns their support for a Bill submitted to the Legislature for authorizing the incorporation of a Bank at Halifax; many signatories
86	1819	Report of the Bank Committee to Council: "Committee having been entrusted with conducting the proposed Bank Bill through its different stages, have deemed it their duty to answer objections and to obviate difficulties, originating either in the misconception or fear of the measure"; 16 pp
87	1819?	Petition to Council from subscribers merchants and others interested in trade and commerce of this country: concerns the proposed Bank Bill and its resultant injurious effects to the public credit; list of signatories
88	1819	Address or speech of Lt. Gov. Earl of Dalhousie to Council and the House of Assembly at the opening of Session, 1819: sympathy expressed on the death of the Queen; last two years of distress are behind the Province and prosperity observed this past year – fisheries, commerce, agriculture, and port of Halifax declared free; recommends attention to a better system for improvement of new roads and militia laws better suited to Nova Scotia's circumstances; will share ideas for betterment of agriculture and a plan of a college for Halifax; acknowledges newly erected government building; general comment on the state of the revenue; indicates the "surest pledge of the welfare of the Province will ever be found in the unanimity of its Council"
89	1819	Draft of an Address from Lt. Gov. Earl of Dalhousie, Council and the House of Assembly in Session to His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales: concerning the death of the Queen; draft prepared by joint committee of Council and House of Assembly and submitted to both Houses
90	1819	Letter to Earl of Dalhousie from Richard Uniacke, Attorney General: concerns three protests entered this Session on the Journals of Council and the law surrounding; urges transmittal to England for consideration supplemented by Dalhousie's further explanation; works towards ensuring harmony in Council and sorry must bring to his attention the appearance of a want of cordiality in the House
91	1819	Protest in Council Chamber by Richard Uniacke against the joint address of Council and House of Assembly to Lt. Gov. on the Marriage Licence Act: reasons for protest given – no evidence to support the matters in the address to understand reasoning behind the Bill, thus cannot agree; believes "clamouring for the Bill comes from those with a purpose to disturb the harmony and cordial union which until lately has subsisted between every species of religious persuasion"
92	1819	Protest in Council Chamber of Act relating to marriages and the issuing of licences, signed Richard Uniacke: refers to Lt. Gov.'s assent to Bill if suspending clause was added, which it was, and that the Bill passed in Council, etc.; explains his disagreement and indicates the process taken has "the force of a precedent to govern our future transactions" and is totally subversive of every rule and principle our ancestors

		established for regulating the Legislative power of the British constitution
93	1819	Protest of members of Council in Council Chamber against the passing of the Marriage Licence Act: mentioned above [numbers 91-2]; extensive explanations; reason number 9 – Because we feel ourselves bound to resist every measure which alters the constitution and establishment of the Church of England, and this Bill has that object in view; signed Michael Wallace, Richard Uniacke and Thomas N. Jeffery
94	1819	Protest in Council against passing a Bill to repeal part of an Act for founding an Academy at Pictou: signed Michael Wallace, Richard John Uniacke and Thomas N. Jeffery; reasons identified and explained; one reason – our duty to protest against a proceeding we are convinced is a scheme to bring down the established church to the level of all other denominations of religion
95	1819	Protest in Council against a resolution for granting money to the trustees of the Pictou Academy: signed Michael Wallace, Richard John Uniacke and Thomas N. Jeffery; number 1 indicates that by granting this sum out of public revenue for this establishment, it lays the foundation for all other descriptions of dissenters and seceders to set up similar claims for public aid
95	1819	Report of the Committee of Council upon the subject of the gypsum trade of the Province: Windsor is the main port of gypsum or plaster of paris export, and the existing limitation whereby foreign vessels are only admitted to the port of Halifax is harmful to trade; includes resolutions; signed Michael Wallace, Brenton Haliburton, James Fraser