Friday, 31st January, 1817.

MESSAGE from the Legislative Council, by Mr. Smith, Master in Chancery :

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act for improving the Winter Roads in this Province, and tending to introduce a different principle of construction in the Winter Carriages, so as to avoid the formation of Hollows and Slopes, commonly called *Cahots* and *Pentes*," to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

And the said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Taschereau, seconded by Mr. M'Cord,

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. M'Cord, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the Bill for establishing a House of Industry in the City of Montreal, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

On motion of Mr. M'Cord, seconded by Mr. Viger,

ORDERED, That the said Bill and Report be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill and Report.

A Petition of divers freeholders, inhabitants of the Parish of Berthier, County of Warwick, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was

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