

**MONDAY, March 17, 1845.**

**RESOLVED**, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

A Petition of Mrs. Catherine Brown, Widow of the late Mr. Alexander Brown, one of the Teachers of the Central Academy, was presented to the House by the Hon. Mr. *Palmer*, and the same was received and read, praying the House to make some provision towards the support of herself and family, in regard to the long services of her deceased husband.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Two Petitions were presented to the House by Mr. *Coles*, and the same were received and read, viz:

A Petition of Messrs. Mackenzie and Mackie, of New London, Merchants and Shipowners, setting forth—that encouraged by an Act of the Colonial Legislature, “for the encouragement of the Seal and Cod Fisheries,” they were induced, in the month of April last, to fit out a schooner called the “*Caledonia*,” of the burthen of 36 tons, new measurement, for the purpose of prosecuting the Seal Fishery; that the said vessel was properly equipped and manned, according to the requisitions of the said Act, and provided with the necessary supplies of water and provisions for two months; that she broke ground on the tenth of April, in the harbour of New London, but owing to the great accumulation of ice which blocked up the said harbour, she was unable to get out until the sixteenth day of the said month: that after cruising for eight days among the ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, in search of seals, they arrived off Cape North, on the coast of Cape Breton, when all the crew, with the exception of one man, refused to continue the voyage, and demanded to be taken to Charlottetown; that the Captain and Mate at first refused to yield to their demands, and continued to cruise for one week longer; but then finding it impracticable longer to manage the said vessel, and the crew still continuing refractory, the said captain and mate becoming alarmed for their own safety, as well as that of the vessel, on the first of May con-

sented to bear up for the Port of Charlottetown, where, after encountering much danger, they arrived on the fourth of that month, having during the said voyage only taken one seal; that as Petitioners have been put to the expense of £296, in fitting out and equipping the said vessel for said voyage, and being losers to a considerable extent by the undertaking; and as the said schooner was prevented from prosecuting and completing the voyage in conformity with the strict letter of the aforesaid Act, by “unforeseen accidents” and “casualties,” which could neither have been anticipated nor prevented by Petitioners, they humbly pray that the House will take the premises into their consideration, and afford such relief as may be deemed meet.

A Petition of the same parties, setting forth—that they were also, in the month of April last, induced to fit out and equip another schooner, called the “*Alpha*,” of the burthen of forty-seven register tons, new measurement, for the exclusive purpose of prosecuting the Seal Fishery; that the said schooner having got out of port, continued at sea in the prosecution of the Seal Fishery for the space of seven weeks and upwards, and having then on board ninety-six seals, and being driven through stress of weather to the coast of Newfoundland, near the port of St. John’s, and the said seals being then in a rapidly decaying state; and the master being apprehensive, if he attempted to return to this Island with them, that the said seals, before he could accomplish the voyage hither, would have become altogether valueless, proceeded to the port of St. John’s aforesaid, and having entered his protest (as appended to the petition), he then and there landed and disposed of the said seals, and shortly thereafter returned to this Island, with the said vessel, which was much injured by the said voyage—That the proceeds of the sale of said seals did not realize more than Twenty-six pounds fifteen shillings and eight-pence, being a sum barely sufficient to pay the expenses of the vessel while in Newfoundland—That Petitioners applied to the Governor in Council, in September last, for the tonnage and other