

Committee on Petition
of E. Parent present
report.

Mr. *Baldwin* from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *E. Parent*, Esq., presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth :—

Report.

“ The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of *Etienne Parent* Law Clerk of the late House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, have carefully examined the said Petition, and after having satisfied themselves of the correctness of the facts therein set forth, have come unanimously to the following conclusions :

That it is not just that the Petitioner should suffer from the difference which arose as to the mode of his appointment, particularly as the same was acknowledged in the Despatch from the Secretary of State, sent down to the House of Assembly by His Excellency the then Governor-in-Chief of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, as being a mere matter of form ; and the more so as the claim on the part of the Executive Government in respect of the appointment, was not absolute in its terms, but amounted merely to raising the question, which remained to be subsequently settled between two high constituted authorities ; and pending which, it would have been presumption in *Mr. Parent* to have taken upon himself to pre-judge the matter by declining to perform the duties of the office.

That the said question, owing to the peculiar circumstances that have occurred in the late Province of *Lower Canada*, has never been settled, or even discussed, and it as now ceased, in the opinion of your Committee, to be a question which it would be expedient to re-open.

Mr. Parent, has since become a Representative of the People, and thereby assumed duties inconsistent with the appointment alluded to ; but your Committee are of opinion that he ought, in justice, to be placed on the same footing with all the other Officers of the late House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, up to the day on which he consented to be elected as a Member of your Honourable House.

Your Committee is also of opinion that *Mr. Parent*, having been deprived for several years of the remuneration to which he was entitled, as an Officer of the House of Assembly of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, and having performed the duties of his Office until the suspension of the Constitution of that Province, should receive a reasonable compensation for the loss he has suffered, from not having received that to which he is, in the opinion of your Committee, entitled, at the same time that the other Officers of the House were paid their respective claims.”

Committee on Petition
of S. Garnsey and
others, report.

Mr. *Powell*, from the select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Samuel Garnsey*, and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Bayham*, and other references, presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth :—

Report.

“ Your Committee have carefully considered the Petition of *John Toyne* and others, of the Township of *Oakland*, and are of opinion, that, from the peculiar position of that Township, it being situated at a remote distance from the District Town of the District of *Brock*, and within a much less distance from the District Town of the *Talbot* District, it would be conducive to the interests of its Inhabitants, if that Township were attached to the last named District ; nevertheless, as it has appeared in evidence before your Committee, that a portion of the Inhabitants of that Township are averse to the change, your Committee are not prepared to recommend a compliance with the prayer of the Petition at present.

As regards the Petition of *Samuel Garnsey*, and others, of the Township of *Bayham*, your Committee are of opinion, that that Township