

FRIDAY, February 24, 1860.

PRAYERS.

THE following petitions were presented to the House, and the same were severally received and read, viz :

By Mr. *Cooper*,—A petition of divers settlers on the Back Farms, north side of Township No. 43, and others, praying that measures may be taken to open a road for their benefit.

By Mr. *Macneill*, — A petition of divers inhabitants of Townships Nos. 59 and 61, praying for aid to open a road from the Whim Road to Montague River.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wightman*, — A petition of divers inhabitants of the east end of the Whim Road, setting forth that the new line of road prayed for in the last preceding petition would— if opened — run through eight farms, and that the granting the prayer of the said petition would be of very serious loss and injury, as well as inconvenience, to them (the petitioners), and praying that the prayer thereof may be rejected.

Ordered, That the three preceding petitions be referred to the Committee appointed to report on every petition praying for the opening of new lines of roads, to examine the same and report thereon.

The following petitions were presented to the House, and the same were severally received and read, viz :

By the Hon. Mr. *Kelly*, — A petition of divers inhabitants of Townships Nos. 35 and 36, in the vicinity of Battery Point, praying for a grant to extend the wharf at Battery Point.

By Mr. *Montgomery*, — A petition of divers inhabitants of Graham's Road, New London, praying for a grant to repair a portion of the old Town Road, and two bridges thereon.

By Mr. *Macneill*, — A petition of Andrew Miller, praying compensation for building an abutment to the wharf at Mink River Basin,

in the year 1853, in virtue of his contract with a late Road Commissioner,—the amount of said contract being £13 10s., together with a considerable amount of additional work for which he received no remuneration.

A petition of James Robertson, Montague River, praying compensation for loss sustained by a road running through his farm.

A petition of Alexander Macdonald, Township No. 66, praying compensation for loss sustained by roads running through his farm.

Ordered, That the five last preceding petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of Dougald Macdonald, James Ross, and others, mechanics and laborers, was presented to the House by the Hon. Mr. *Kelly*, and the same was received and read, setting forth that they are aggrieved at having been deprived of their hard and lawful earnings in shipyards and other places on the Island, for the last few years, and praying that, in order to prevent such occurrences in future, an Act may be passed to cause the vessel or other object at which they may hereafter labor to be detained until the workmen be paid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to a Special Committee, to examine the same and report thereon.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. *Kelly*, the Hon. Mr. *Thornton*, and Mr. *Sinclair* do compose the said Committee.

The Hon. Mr. *Haviland*, a member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House copy of a Despatch from the Duke of Newcastle to Lieutenant Governor Dundas, dated "Downing Street, 30th November, 1859," on the subject of the system of compulsory prepayment of postage on letters passing between the United Kingdom and Prince Edward Island.