

Petitions read.

rights and privileges as are enjoyed by other denominations of Christians in the Province:

Of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*, and others; praying for aid to establish a College in *Montreal*, for the instruction of youth.

Of *Thomas Coulombe* and others, of *St. Pierre* and other parishes in the County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the Education Act be repealed.

Of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of the parish of *Ancienne Lorette*; praying for an enquiry into the conduct of the *Quebec* Turnpike Commissioners.

Of *Siméon Ecuyer* and others, of the parish of *Ancienne Lorette*; praying that the Education Act 8th *Victoria*, chap. 41, be revived, and substituted for the 9th *Victoria*, chap. 47.

Of *M. McKenzie* and others, of *Aklborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*; praying that certain Townships therein mentioned may be set apart as a new District, by the name of the District of *Elgin*, and also as a distinct County.

Of *W. W. Branan* and others, of the Township of *Brock*, in the Western District; praying that the said Township may be annexed to the District of *London*.

Of the Corporation of the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for pecuniary aid in favor of the said Seminary.

Of *George J. Pacaud*, Esquire, on behalf of *Pierre Vandandaigue dit Garbois* and others, Militiamen; praying that they may be remunerated for their services during the last war.

Of the Reverend *James Skinner*, Moderator, and *William Proudfoot*, Synod Clerk, on behalf of the Missionary Presbyterian Synod of *Canada* in connection with the United Secession Church of *Scotland*; praying that the Ministers of other denominations may have the same exemption as those of the Churches of *England* and *Rome*, from appearing at the Quarter Sessions to be licensed to perform the ceremony of Marriage.

Of *James Douglas*, of the Township of *Toronto*, in the Home District; praying that an enquiry may be instituted into the right by which the Rector of *Toronto* Township took possession of and received rent on a certain piece of land, and that he may have the privilege of purchasing the said piece of land in consideration of his residence upon it.

Of the Reverend *Richard Whitwell*, Rector, and others, of the Parish of *St. Armand West*; praying that the practice of selling property at the Church doors after Divine Service, on Sundays, may be discontinued.

Of *David Torrance* and others, stockholders in the *Canada Mining Company*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others; praying to be incorporated under the name of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for a grant of money, to enable them to alleviate the distress of Emigrants now arriving at that City.

Of *Christian Wurtele* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as the District Bank of *Quebec*.

Of *Michael Scott*, of *Cap Rouge*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize him to convey the water of the River *Lorette* by a canal to his mills at *Cap Rouge*.

Of *Michel Déry* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*, in the County of *Quebec*; praying that *Michael Scott* be authorized by law to convey the water of the River *Lorette* by a canal to his mills at *Cap Rouge*.

Of *John Flett*, of *Chippawa*, in the Township of *Willoughby*; complaining that he has to pay more than his equitable share of taxes, and also, of unjust

proceedings at the Township Meetings,—and praying that the laws regarding Assessments and Township Meetings may be amended.

Of *John Prince*, Esquire, and others; praying to be Incorporated as the *British North American Mining Company*.

Of *William F. Wallace*, and others, of the District of *London*; praying that no division of the said District may be made, as petitioned for.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the District Town,) be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Chalmers*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Bertrand*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, and Mr. *Fournier*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *P. P. Lachapelle*, junior, of the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, in the District of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *LeMoine*, and Mr. *Lacoste*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Pierre Vieau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin, Isle Jésus*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and Mr. *Boutillier*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas Mussen* and others, of the Island and County of *Montreal*, and of the Counties of *Terrebonne* and *Two Mountains*, be referred to the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* reported from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor General, congratulating His Excellency on the safe arrival of the Countess of *Elgin*, and other members of her family, and of the Lady *Elma Bruce*, in this Province, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House; and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable *James Earl of Elgin and Kincardine*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to tender to Your Excellency our congratulations on the safe arrival of the Countess of *Elgin*, and other members of her family, and of the Lady *Elma Bruce*, in this Province.

Petitions read.

Petition of Municipal Council of District of *Niagara* referred.

Petition of *G. O'Kill Stuart* and others referred.

Petition of *P. P. Lachapelle* referred.

Petition of *P. Vieau* and others referred.

Petition of *T. Mussen* and others referred.

Congratulatory Address to His Excellency, on the safe arrival of his Family.