

fect it, vessels arrived from sea.—That whether these vessels were in ballast or loaded, the petitioners were immediately ordered to relinquish their births and moorings to the vessels thus coming from sea, and lay out in the stream, to make room for them, although they were unloading at the time —That the harbour of *Montreal* being very small, it has often happened to the petitioners, that, after having been thus obliged to relinquish their births and moorings to these vessels, they were discharged; notwithstanding which, they were permitted to remain in the same moorings for months together, in the best situations in the harbour; that when there were a great number of vessels from sea in the same harbour, and many river craft, the latter are entirely deprived of the advantages of loading and unloading, which causes considerable delay and great losses.—From the above declaration of the disadvantages under which the petitioners labour, they humbly beg, the House to take their case into consideration, and to pass such Laws, as may be judged expedient, and to put them on the same footing, and give them the same rights as granted to vessels coming from sea, by the regulations abovementioned.

RESOLVED, that the said petition be referred to a Committee of five Members, with power to send for persons and papers, to examine the same, and report thereon, with all convenient speed.

ORDERED, that Mr. *Bedard*, Mr. *Durocher*, Mr. *Mure*, Mr. *McCord*, and Mr. *Louis Roi*, do compose the said Committee.

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled “An Act for the more easy discovery and effectual punishment, of buyers and receivers of stolen goods, and monies, in cases of petty larceny, and in other cases;” was, according to order, read a second time.

On motion of Mr. *Blanchet*, seconded by Mr. *Durocher*;

RESOLVED, that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House.