

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon the legality of Grants made in this Colony for Mining purposes.

Ordered,—That Mr. HOGSETT, Mr. PARSONS,, Mr. MORRIS, Mr. F. B. CARTER, Mr. WARREN, do form such committee.

Committee on Mining Grants.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

Thursday, 17th January, 1856.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY presented a Petition from James Norris, of St. John's ; which was received and read, praying that he may be appointed to the situation of Outer Doorkeeper to the House of Assembly.

Petition from James Norris for situation of Outer Doorkeeper.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS moved, pursuant to notice, second by the hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY, that William Doyle be appointed Outer Doorkeeper to the House of Assembly.

Motion that Wm. Doyle be Outer Doorkeeper.

Whereupon,—

Mr. HOYLES moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

That it not being desirable to increase the Contingencies of this House, no Outer Doorkeeper be at present appointed.

Amendment.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :—

For the Amendment, 10.

Against the Amendment, 15.

Amendment negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being then put,

Mr. WINSER moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MARCH,