

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Price* have leave to bring in a Bill for the preservation of Salmon in the Rivers *St. Lawrence* and *Saguenay*, and their tributaries.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday the twenty-fourth instant.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

*Edmund Head*,

The Governor General has every desire to furnish information to the Legislature, and therefore regrets deeply, that for the following reasons he must decline to comply with the prayer of the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the tenth instant, presented to him this day by such Members of that House as are Members of the Executive Council.

The Charge of Judge *Dival* to the Petty Jury is not in the possession of the Governor General, nor can it be presumed to exist as a distinct document.

If such a document do exist, the Governor General has no power or authority to enforce its production.

The Act 7 *Vic.* cap. 45, expressly secures the Independence of the Judges of *Lower Canada*, thereby establishing a great constitutional principle.

The same Act prescribes a regular mode of proceeding with reference to the conduct of a Judge:—by Address from two branches of the Legislature.

The Governor General is advised, that to call for words used by a Judge on a specific trial, is in effect to call that Judge to account for his conduct on the Bench, and that for the Crown so to call a Judge to account, especially on the Address of one branch of the Legislature, would be, at least, an evasion of the spirit of the Act, and might serve as a precedent for interference by the Crown with the independence of the Judiciary.

Government House,

*Toronto*, 14th March, 1856.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill to render the Mayor of *Quebec* elective by the Electors of *Quebec*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to authorize the commutation of claims on Ordnance Lands, upon the transfer of such Lands to the Province, being read;

*Ordered*, That the said Order be discharged.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,

*Resolved*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee