

Saturday, February 28, 1857.

MR Macdonald, from the Committee appointed to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses, at the opening of the present Session, presented to the House the draft of an Address, as prepared by the Committee, which Address was again read.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

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

By Mr. Perry.—A Petition of divers inhabitants of Township No. 15, praying for a grant to rebuild a Bridge.

A Petition of divers inhabitants of Townships 14 and 15.

By the Hon. Mr. Montgomery.—A Petition of divers inhabitants of Townships 18 and 20.

By Mr. Yeo.—A Petition of divers inhabitants of Tignish, and others,—all praying aid to improve their road communications.

*Ordered*, That the four preceding Petitions do lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Perry have leave to absent himself from this House until Thursday next.

Then the House adjourned for one hour ;

And being met—

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

By Mr. Yeo.—A Petition of divers inhabitants of Townships 13, 14 and 15.

A Petition of divers inhabitants of the West Shore of Townships 1 and 2, and others,—both praying aid to improve their road communications.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, from the Committee appointed last Session to examine

and report this Session on two Petitions of inhabitants of the western portion of Prince County, and others ; also on a Petition of divers inhabitants of Cascumpec,—presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House, and is as followeth :—

Your Committee to whom was referred, during the past Session of the Legislature, the petitions of the inhabitants of the western part of Prince County, praying that the County may be divided, and a Jail and Court House erected at Cascumpec—have to report that, as far as they can judge, the expense of building such Jail and Court House would not be less than £1,800 in the first instance ; and, including pay to the Judges, annual maintenance and Jurors' fees, the expense would amount to £500—a sum too great to be taken from the general revenue. Your Committee cannot recommend the division of the County, unless the petitioners are prepared to pay the expenses necessarily attendant upon it.

With reference to the petition of divers inhabitants of Cascumpec, also referred to your Committee, praying that there may be erected at Cascumpec a house for the use of the Small Debt Commissioners of that District—your Committee are of opinion that a suitable building ought to be erected where prayed for, provided a site can be procured.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, from the Committee appointed last Session to examine and report this Session, on a Petition of the inhabitants of Kildare, and others, presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House, and is as followeth :—

Your Committee appointed, during the last Session of the Legislature, to report on a petition of the inhabitants of Kildare, praying that a sum of money in aid of subscriptions, be granted to cut a channel to improve the navigation of Kildare River—have to state, that there is a Sand-bar at the entrance of the River, which is nearly dry at low water, and they are of opinion that it would be impossible to open a channel through it, which would not be again filled up by the running sand. They are not aware that any similar work has been attempted on the coasts of this Island, with the exception of that undertaken by the Messrs. Haywood of Tignish, who opened a channel at Tignish Run, for the purpose of taking through a new vessel, immediately after which, the channel filled up. Your Committee cannot, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petition be complied with.