

bridges in this Province, and to repeal certain laws therein mentioned; the said Committee was dissolved for want of a *Quorum*.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson*, seconded by Mr. *Froebel*, Resolved, that this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

On motion of Mr. *Lester*, seconded by Mr. *Berthelot*,
The House adjourned till Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 20th January, 1796.

A Petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of *Leinster*, and of the village of *L'Assomption*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. *McBeath*, and the same was received and read by the Clerk—

SETTING FORTH—That the petitioners are very sensibly affected by the losses and inconveniences to which they see themselves exposed under the present mode of administering justice, from the distance between the sittings of the courts; and are also convinced, that the long intervals between the Circuit Courts are prejudicial to the general interests of that numerous and growing county.

That the petitioners with regret, see themselves deprived of the means of making any regulations for the protection of property, and the maintenance of good order and decency in the village of *L'Assomption*, as well as without any summary mode of compelling domestics and *engagés* to fulfill their respective agreements, to the great prejudice of commerce and the corruption of morals.

That the petitioners are perfectly convinced of the necessity of more efficacious regulations, to facilitate and keep up a proper communication throughout the county, by good and convenient roads and ferries.

Therefore PRAY, that in consideration of the reasons herein set forth, a Law may be passed, authorising three or more magistrates of the said county, to take cognizance of these desirable objects, or in any other mode which the House may deem meet and proper.

Ordered, that the said petition do lie upon the table for the consideration of the members.

A petition from the merchants of *Montreal*, trading to Upper Canada and the Indian Country, whose names are thereunto subscribed; was presented to the House by Mr. *Richardson*, and the same was received and read by the Clerk—

SETTING FORTH—That the petitioners, who are engaged in a very extensive branch of commerce to the Upper, or Indian Country, have of
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