

On motion of Mr. Ward,

The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Saint John Marine Insurance Company.

Mr. Vail in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that having gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, they had agreed to the same.

*Ordered*, That the report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed.

Mr. Simonds, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, praying remuneration for expenses incurred in the Parish of Portland, for the support of distressed Emigrants and Black Refugees in that Parish for the past year ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Simonds also laid before the House the several Accounts from the Overseers of the Poor of that Parish, of the expenditure of the monies in support of such distressed Emigrants and Black Refugees.

*Ordered*, thereupon, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public and Private Accounts.

Mr. Slason moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to prevent the destruction of Sheep by Dogs, and to make other and more effectual provision for the same."

On motion of Mr. End,

The House went into Committee of the whole on a Bill to erect two new Parishes in the County of Gloucester.

Mr. Smith in the Chair of the Committee.

The Chairman reported, they had made progress in the Bill referred to them, and that he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the report be accepted, and leave granted.

Mr. Chandler moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate the rafting or driving of Timber, Logs and sawed Lumber down Cape de Moiselle Creek, in the County of Westmorland.

Leave granted.

Mr. Barlow moved for leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act further to increase the Revenue of the Province, by imposing a duty upon all Rum and other Spirituous Liquors that shall be distilled within the same."

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in, was read a first time.

Mr. Brown, by leave, presented a Petition from Harris Hatch, Esquire, and others, Inhabitants of Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, setting forth that the copper currency now in circulation in the Province is of a depreciated quality, and that great loss has been sustained thereby, and praying that a Law may pass to remedy the evil, by providing for the importation of a copper coinage from Great Britain, and that the same, as well as the copper coin of Nova Scotia may be made a legal tender for a limited amount ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Trade.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee appointed to inquire as to what Laws have expired, or are near expiring, reported, that they had attended thereto, and submitted the following Report, which he read :—

Act 54. Geo. III. intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Licenses to Inns, Taverns, and Houses for selling strong Liquors by retail, will expire on the first day of April next.