

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

*Ordered*, That the House do on Wednesday the 15th day of February instant, at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon of the same day, take into consideration the several matters contained in the Petition of William H. Street, Esquire, and others, and which was presented to the House yesterday, complaining of the undue election and return of Lewis Burns, Esquire, as a Member for the City of Saint John.

Mr. Taylor moved for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of York to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Town of Fredericton.

Leave granted.

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

Mr. Taylor, by leave, presented a Petition from the Reverend William T. Wishart, the Reverend Samuel Robinson, the Reverend William Temple, and 51 others, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the substitution of Declarations in the place of Oaths from such Members of Christian Churches as have conscientious objections to swearing; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the cost of the Provincial Printing provided for by this House and the Executive Government for the last four years; and also to consider what measures may be devised for causing a reduction in this branch of the Public Service.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Partelow, Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Barberie, Mr. Hill and Mr. Payne do compose the Committee.

Mr. Taylor moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to lay a tax on Dogs in certain parts of the Parishes of Fredericton and Saint Andrews."

Leave granted.

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

Mr. Taylor also moved for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of York to increase the amount to be paid for Tavern and Retail Licences.

Leave granted.

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

Mr. Partelow, by leave, presented a Petition from George J. Harding, Esquire, M. D. Physician to the Quarantine Establishment at Saint John, praying to be remunerated for his services in that capacity; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker laid before the House—

A Communication from the Clerk of the House in reference to charges made at the Post Office Department, upon Packages addressed to him during the recess, containing the exchange of Journals and Laws with the Sister Colonies.

Mr. Freeze, by leave, presented a Petition from Humphrey Hayward and John Graves, of the Parish of Salisbury, in the County of Westmorland, praying to be paid a balance due them on a Road Contract taken under Benjamin L. Peters, Esquire, as Supervisor on the line of Great Road between Saint John and the Nova Scotia Line in the year 1839; which he read.

And upon the question that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table, the House divided—

YEAS, 16.

NAYS, 14.

Whereupon it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Barberie, by leave, presented a Petition from Edward M. Rogers, praying that the Provincial allowance may be granted to him for teaching a School in the Parish of Dalhousie, in the County of Restigouche, for a period of twelve months ending on the 10th day of June, 1842; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee on School Petitions to report thereon.

Mr.