

Mr. S. Earle, by leave, presented a Petition from Mary A. DeForest, a licenced Teacher, praying compensation for teaching a School in the Parish of Salisbury, in the County of Westmorland, for the period of one year and six months ending in June 1844; which he read.

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

Mr. Fisher moved for leave to bring in a Bill relating to the privilege of Solemnizing Marriage.

Leave granted.

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

Mr. Wark, by leave, presented a Petition from George Powell, a licenced Teacher, praying compensation for teaching a School in the Parish of Studholm, in King's County, for a period of six months ending in June 1842; which he read.

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

Mr. S. Earle, from the Committee appointed to attend the Commissioner with Mr. M'Leod, to see him qualified, reported—That they had attended thereto, and that Mr. M'Leod had taken the oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the Declaration.

Whereupon Mr. M'Leod took his Seat.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received a Letter from the Reverend John Mayne Stirling, A. M., tendering his resignation as Chaplain, and the same being read at the Clerk's Table, is as follows:—

“Maugerville, January 28, 1845:

“SIR,—Having ascertained by my attendance in the House of Assembly during the last Session, that I cannot faithfully discharge my duties in the Parishes committed to my care, and retain my situation as Chaplain, I am reluctantly compelled to tender my resignation of the office which, during the last five years, I have had the pleasure of holding in connexion with the Honorable body over which you preside.

“Whilst requesting you to accept of this resignation, permit me to offer to yourself, Honorable Sir, and to the Members generally, my sincere thanks for the kind attention which you have uniformly evinced towards me, and to express my regret that circumstances over which I have no controul, render it necessary for me to give up an appointment which will long be remembered with feelings of lively satisfaction.

“Praying that the blessing of the Most High may be abundantly vouchsafed to the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, and that all its deliberations may be directed to the furtherance of God's glory, the good of the Church, and the safety and prosperity of this Province,

“Believe me to be,

“Your faithful servant,

“J. M. STIRLING.

“To the Honorable John Wesley Weldon, Speaker.”

The House having accepted of the resignation—

On motion of Mr. Allen,

Resolved, That the Reverend Edward James William Roberts be appointed the Chaplain to this House, in the room of the Reverend John Mayne Stirling, A. M., who has resigned the situation.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Friday, 31st January, 1845.

Prayers.

Read a second time the following Bills, viz:—

A Bill to establish and regulate the Registry of Electors of Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province:

A Bill to amend the Law relating to Highways and Roads in the Parish of Portland, in the County of Saint John: and

A Bill relating to the privilege of Solemnizing Marriage.

Mr.