

and others, of Upper and Lower Burgeo, which were severally received and read, praying for Road grants in those localities.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill for better securing the Independence of the House of Assembly. Committee on Placemen's Exclusion Bill.

Mr. EVANS Chairman.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof. Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

*(A Message from the Legislative Council.)*

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :— Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, that during the last Session a Committee, consisting of Hon. Messrs. Kough, Pinsent and Morris, was appointed by the Council to superintend the management of the Legislative Library.

The Council therefore respectfully request, that the Assembly will be pleased to appoint a Committee from their Body, to co-operate with the Committee of the Council for the above purpose.

LAURENCE O'BRIEN,

*President.*

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
14th February, 1862. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Petition from John Bowring and others, formerly Shareholders in the St. John's Water Company, which was received and read, setting forth that the sum of £100 was annually granted for the repair of Hydrants in the town of St. John's, but that the vote was not made from May, 1860, to November, 1861, at Petitions from Shareholders St. John's Water Company.