

Read, The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Lancaster, which is as follows, viz:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, for themselves and on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Township of Lancaster.

Humbly Sheweth,—

That Your Petitioners are subject to many great and material disadvantages from the extent of the Township of Lancaster, it consisting of eighteen concessions deep.

That the Commissioners of the Highways, Assessors, Collectors, &c., are obliged to perform a double proportion of duty to the Officers of other Townships, and from the situation of the country and bad state of the roads the duty is rendered extremely difficult.

That Your Petitioners conceive the forming of a new Township from the ninth concession of Lancaster to the first concession of Hawkesbury would obviate the present inconvenience of Your Petitioners.

Wherefore Your Petitioners pray Your Honorable House will take the business into consideration, and to give them such relief as to Your Honorable House shall seem meet, and Your Petitioners will ever pray.

Alexander McMillian, J.P., Alexander McDonnell, J.P., Alex'r Rose, John McDonald, John Kennedy, Alexander McLeod, Norman McLeod, Finley McDonell, and twenty others.

Then Mr. Wilkinson moved, seconded by Captain Cowan, for leave to bring in a Bill to-morrow for the division of the Township of Lancaster.

Leave was accordingly granted.

On motion of Mr. Swazey, seconded by Mr. Mallory, the House adjourned.

*Thursday, 7th February, 1805.*

Prayers were read.

Mr. McLean moved, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, for leave to bring in a Bill to-morrow entitled "An Act to revive and continue an Act to ratify and confirm certain Provisional Articles of Agreement entered into by the respective Commissioners of this Province and Lower Canada, met at Montreal on the fifth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and four, for carrying the same into effect, and also to continue an Act passed in the thirty ninth year of His Majesty's Reign."

Then Mr. Howard moved, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, for leave to bring in a Bill on Monday next for an Act to alter certain parts of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of Parish and Town Officers throughout this Province."

Accordingly leave was given.

Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, moved for the Order of the Day.

Then was read for the second time, "An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in Parliament."

On motion of Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. McLean, the House resolved itself into Committee to take the said Bill into their consideration.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wilkinson was called to the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Wilkinson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made some amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the