which produces few, and must import most of the necessaries of life, in payment of which she exports her own produce, will ever be benefited by a free trade policy; and praying that the House would take no action to bind or pledge either the Government or the Legislature to the proposed union, until information has been obtained which will clearly demonstrate it to be for the advantage of this Colony, nor until an opportunity has been afforded of consulting the people on this important measure.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were severally read a third time, as engrossed.

The Bill to continue the Punishment of Banishment in certain cases.

The Bill to make provision for the recovery of Penalties becoming due upon the Forfeiture of certain Recognizances.

The Bill to enable Courts of Law to give relief against adverse claims, made upon persons having no interest in the subject of such claims.

The Bill to regulate the office and duties of Coroners.

Ordered,—That the first Bill do pass, and be entitled, An Act to continue the Punishment of Banishment in certain cases.

Ordered,—That the second Bill do pass, and be entitled, An Act to make provision for the recovery of Penalties becoming due upon the Forfeiture of certain Recognizances.

Ordered,—That the third Bill do pass, and be entitled, An Act to enable Courts of Law to give relief against adverse claims, made upon persons having no interest in the subject of such claims.

Ordered,—That the fourth Bill do pass, and be entitled. An Act to regulate the office and duties of Coroners.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Whiteway do take the said several Bills to the Legislative Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole, upon the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in this Colony.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. BARRON took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments, having been severally read throughout, a first and second time, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.