

Petition of W. Evans & others presented and read.

A Petition of William Evans, S. W. Sprague, and other inhabitants of Grand Bank, and Fortune, in the electoral District of Burin, was presented by Mr. Winsor, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor to present the same), and the said petition was received and read, setting forth:—That the premature deaths at the before named places have been equal to, if not exceeding, any place in this Island, in proportion to the number of its inhabitants, and that there are at this time, in the two places, eight widows, with twenty fatherless children under the age of fourteen years; and therefore praying that should any monies, during the present session, be granted for the relief of the poor, that the above named places will be taken under the consideration and protection of the House.

On motion of Mr. Winsor, seconded by Mr. Butler,

Referred to committee of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the said petition be referred to the committee of Supply.

Petition of J. Cummins presented and read.

A Petition of John Cummins, of Ferryland, Constable, was presented by Mr. Winsor, and the same was received and read, setting forth:—That he was employed by the Magistrates of the District of Ferryland to take the list of voters at Brigus, Cape Broyle, Caplin Bay, and Ferryland, and praying that he may be remunerated for such services.

On motion of Mr. Winsor, seconded by Mr. Butler,

Referred to committee of supply.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the committee of Supply.

Report of committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Kent, from the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor to be informed when it would be his Excellency's pleasure to receive the House to present their address in reply to his Excellency's speech at the opening of the Session, reported that they had attended to the duty, and that his Excellency was pleased to say he would receive the House on Saturday next at two o'clock.

Sundry bills read 2d time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the following Bills were read a second time, viz:—

A Bill for vacating the seats of Members of the Assembly in certain cases, and to provide for the Election of others in their stead.

A Bill to regulate the office and fees of Sheriff, and to make provision for the appointment of a Sheriff in each judicial district.

A Bill to amend an act passed in the 6th session of the Legislature, intituled "An act for the encouragement of Education in this Colony."

A Bill to provide for the registering the names of persons entitled to vote at Elections, and to repeal a certain act heretofore passed for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Power,

Time appointed for commitment of three 1st mentioned bills.

*Ordered*,—That the said three first mentioned Bills be referred to a committee of the whole House on the days following:—

A bill to enable members of the Assembly to vacate their seats in certain cases, and to provide for the election of others in their stead, tomorrow.