## TUESDAY, 27th January, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Read, a first time, a Bill, further to continue and amend an Act, intituled "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and " for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the severa

"Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Read, a second time, a Bill, "further to encourage the establishment o-"Schools in this Province, and to repeal an Act, now in force, relating to the " same."

Ordered, that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill "to encourage the establishing of Schools in this Province, " and to repeal an Act, now in force, relating to the same."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary Odell delivered the Message.

" Mr. Speaker,

"I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to lay before "this Honorable House, a Letter, received from the Right Honourable Earl " Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, on the subject " of a joint Address of the Council and Assembly, on the subject of the Admi-" nistration of this Province."

And then Mr. Secretary withdrew.

Mr. Millidge resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Millidge, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title, with amendments.

Ordered that the report be received, and the Bill as amended, be engrossed. Mr. Campbell presented a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Andrews, accompanied with two Accounts, praying that the sum of one hundred and seventy-three pounds may be granted to them, in order to remunerate them for the extraordinary expences incurred in relieving and mitigating the sufferings of a number of distressed unfortunate Persons.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of

Supply.

Mr. Wilmot moved for leave to bring in a Bill, " to revise and consolidate all "all the Laws now in force for regulating the exportation of Fish and Lum-"ber."---Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Whereas it appears, by notice in the Royal Gazette, from the Secretary's Office, bearing date the 16th January, 1818, that divers persons have neglected to take out their Grants for Lands allotted to them, as required by the Royal Instructions, and by the Proclamation of 24th January, 1815, and that such Lands are therefore forfeited and open to new application---therefore,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that, in consequence of the scarcity of specie prevailing among the Farmers and the Land-holders, occasioned by the bad seasons and the failure of their crops for some years past, His Excellency will be pleased to extend the time of forfeiting the Lands allotted to them, where Grants have not been taken out, for such further time as to His Excellency may seem meet.

Ordered, that Mr. Agnew, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Ward, do present the same

to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Agnew, from the Committee, appointed to wait on His Excellency the The state of the s