

opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Committee to prepare lists.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee of eleven Members, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, the Honourable Mr. Baldwin, the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Gowan, Mr. Colvile, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Macdonald of Kingston, Mr. Chauveau, and Mr. Meyers, be appointed, to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of Members to compose the six Standing Committees ordered by this House.

Library.

*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee of six Members, composed of the Honourable Mr. Morin, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, Mr. Boutillier, Mr. Hale, Mr. Taché, and Mr. Macdonald of Kingston, be appointed, to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, to which shall be referred all matters relating thereto, with power to report from time to time.

Lower Canada Notarial Deeds Validity Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Solicitor General Taschereau have leave to bring in a Bill to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain deeds, instruments and documents, executed before Notaries in Lower Canada, and to secure the rights, titles and interests of all persons concerned therein.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Trafalgar, Esquensing, and Erin Road Bill

*Ordered*, That Mr. Chalmers have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons as the Trafalgar, Esquensing and Erin Road Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Simple modes of assurance &c. Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper have leave to bring in a Bill for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance in lieu of fines and recoveries.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday the third of April next.

Conveyance of real property Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the conveyance of real property in Upper Canada.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Sherwood of Brockville, seconded by Mr. Woods,

Entries in Journals read.

*Ordered*, That so much of the entries in the Journals of the last Session, as relate to the Petition of John Reid and Robert Shepherd, of the City of Montreal, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon, be now severally read.

The said entries were read accordingly.

A Member attends in his place by order.

According to order, Louis Lacoste, Esquire, Member for the County of Chambly, who was absent on the twenty-first, twenty-third and twenty-fourth instant, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of James Durand, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of James Webster, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the

West Riding of the County of Halton; and was further absent on the twenty-first, twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth instant, from the Select Committees appointed to try the merits of the Petition of William Notman, Esquire, of Dundas, in the Gore District, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Edward Ermatinger, Esquire, to represent the County of Middlesex in this present Parliament; and of the Petition of the Honourable Francis Hincks, of the City of Montreal, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Robert Riddell, Esquire, Sitting Member for the County of Oxford, attended his place in this House.

Mr. Lacoste rose in his place, and having given satisfactory reasons for not being present at the meeting of the said Select Committees, and having verified the same upon oath,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, seconded by Mr. Christie,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Lacoste having given satisfactory reasons for not being present at the meetings of the Select Committee for the trial of the contested Election for the West Riding of the County of Halton, on the 21st, 23rd and 24th instant; and at the meetings of the Select Committees for the trial of the contested Elections for the Counties of Middlesex and Oxford, and having verified the same upon oath, he be now excused for such non-attendance.

Mr. Dickson, Member for Niagara, and Mr. Bertrand, Member for the County of Rimouski, having been severally called, according to order, did not appear.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration a motion made on the twenty-fourth instant, viz:—"That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable Francis Hincks, of the City of Montreal, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Robert Riddell, Esquire, Sitting Member for the County of Oxford, having been unavoidably reduced to less than nine Members, and having so continued for the space of three sitting days, is dissolved."

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said motion into consideration.

And the said motion being again read, and debates arising thereupon,

Mr. Chalmers moved, seconded by Mr. Ermatinger, Motion further that the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Monday next.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Boulton, Brooks, Cayley, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Kingston, Macdonell of Dundas, Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Sherwood of Brockville, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of Prescott, Viger, Webster, Williams, and Woods.—(34.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Guillet, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lanier, Laterrrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of Glengary, Macdonell of Stormont, McConnell, Methot, Morin, Nelson, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of Westworth, Stewart of Bytowns, and Taché.—(34.)

And the votes being equally divided,