

A Bill to continue the Act relating to sick and indigent Emigrants.

A Bill to continue the Act relating to the qualifications and mode of summoning Jurors.

A Bill to continue the Act for altering and explaining the Act regulating the laying out and altering of Highways.

And the said Bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

A Petition of Hugh Macdonald, President of the Eastern Agricultural Society, praying a grant in aid of the funds of that Society, was presented to the House by Mr. Thornton, and the same was received and read.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The hour appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to receive the Address, having arrived, Mr. Speaker and the House went up, and being returned—Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended upon His Excellency, and presented their Address, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I have to thank you for your general attention to my representations, and I feel confident of much benefit resulting from your deliberations; but I should have been more gratified by an expression of your readiness to entertain some measure tending to the reduction of the public debt.

Mr. Rae communicated to the House a Letter addressed to him relative to the detention under execution of Donald Macdonald, Esq. a Member of this House; and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as followeth:

7th March, 1845.

DEAR SIR,

In answer to your inquiry respecting the claim of my client, Mr. Shannon, against Donald Macdonald, Esq., I beg to inform you, that the amount of debt and costs, as marked for levy on the execution against him, is as follows. * * *

The suit was commenced by Writ issued 20th June, 1843; Judgment was entered up 26th August, 1844; and an Execution (*Capias ad satisfaciendum*), issued also on the 26th August, 1844, returnable at

Charlottetown, Michaelmas term, 1844. This Execution has not yet been returned into the Prothonotary's Office, but the Sheriff has informed me that Mr. Macdonald is in custody upon the limits at Georgetown, thereunder.

I imagine those are the particulars you wish.

Your's truly,

(Signed)

R. HODGSON.

Alex. Rae, Esq., M. P. P.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Privileges, to take the subject matter of the said letter into consideration.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Fraser reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it be recommended to the House to appoint a Special Committee, to report on precedents and authorities relative to Members of Colonial Parliaments being free from or liable to arrest on civil process, and detention in custody during the sitting of the Legislature, of which they are Members; and also as to the mode of procedure, if any, customary in liberating them from confinement under such process.

Ordered, That Mr. Rae, Mr. D. Maclean, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Yeo, the Hon. Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Longworth be a Committee for the purpose mentioned in the above reported Resolution, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor delivered to both Houses of the Legislature at the opening of the present Session.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Ten o'clock.