

ble House, sundry Accounts of Persons intrusted with the expenditure of money on Roads."

And then Mr. Secretary withdrew.

Mr. *P. Fraser* moved a resolution that the order of the day for hearing of Counsel on the petition of *William Peters*, complaining of an undue election in Queen's County, be postponed until Friday next; which being seconded, the House divided, and it passed in the negative.

The House then went into the consideration of the said Petition, and heard Counsel on the part of the Petitioner; and also on the part of the sitting Members.

The Counsel for the Petitioner waved that part of the petition which prayed for a scrutiny into the votes given for Mr. *Scovil*.

The Counsel withdrew from the Bar.

Ordered that the further hearing of that part of the said petition which complains of the want of a qualification of Mr. *Yeamans*, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

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WEDNESDAY the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *Humbert*, resolved, that no Petition be received or Bill brought in after the twentieth day of February instant, except by order of the House.

Mr. *Campbell* presents a Petition of *George Thompson*, praying that the sum of £22 15 6 duties, demanded from and paid by him as a transient person, to the Deputy Treasurer of Charlotte, may be refunded for reasons stated therein. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

The House, pursuant to the order of the day for the further hearing of that part of the Petition of *William Peters*, complaining of an undue election for Queen's County, which relates to the want of a qualification of Mr. *Yeamans*, one of the sitting members for the same County, went into consideration thereof.

After hearing of Counsel as well on the part of the Petitioner as on the part of the sitting member: and the Counsel being withdrawn from the Bar.

On the question whether the allegations contained in the same part of the Petition were supported---

Resolved that it is the opinion of this House that *Richard Yeamans*, Esquire, one of the sitting members for Queen's County, does not possess the qualification required by the third Section of the Act of the General Assembly of this Province, intituled, "An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province:" And that the election of the said *Richard Yeamans*, be, and the same is hereby determined to be void.

On motion, the House went into Committee upon "A Bill to increase the number of Members to represent the County of Northumberland in General Assembly."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, the Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill and directed him to report the same.

Ordered that the report be received, and the Bill be engrossed.

On motion, resolved that the House will go into Committee on Monday next, on the report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws have expired or are near expiring.

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