

Monday, 24th January, 1848.

PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Young, the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Fraser, be a Committee of Privileges. Com. of Privileges.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Harrington, be a Committee to examine and report on the Expiring Laws. Com. on Expiring Laws.

*Ordered*, That no Petition of a private nature be received after Tuesday, the Fifteenth day of February next, unless by special leave of the House. Limitation of time for receiving private Petitions.

On motion of Mr. Young, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report what further arrangements may be made for more correctly reporting the Debates of this House. Com. as regards the reporting of Debates of House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Young, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Henry, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

The House then, pursuant to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to his Speech: and the same having been read clause by clause, the several clauses thereof were agreed to by the House. House proceed to consider Address to Lt. Gov. Clauses passed.

Mr. Fraser then moved that the said Address do pass: which, being seconded, Motion for passing Address.

Mr. Uniacke moved, as an amendment to the question, that the words "do pass" be left out, and instead thereof, that the words following be inserted—"be amended by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the words following, viz: Amendment moved to add clause of Want of Confidence in Executive Council.

"While we are fully sensible of the importance of the various subjects submitted by Your Excellency for our consideration, we feel that in the course it may be advisable to pursue, with reference to measures so intimately connected with the interests of the people, it is essential to the satisfactory result of our deliberations on these and other matters of public concern, that Her Majesty's Executive Council should enjoy the confidence of the Country; and we consider it our humble duty respectfully to state, that the present Executive Council does not possess that confidence so essential to the promoting of the public welfare, and so necessary to insure to Your Excellency the harmonious co-operation of this Assembly."

Which proposed amendment being seconded, a debate arose thereon; and after some time occupied therein. Debate thereon.

*Ordered*, That this House do, To-morrow, proceed to the further consideration thereof. Deferred until To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Tuesday, 25th January, 1848.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Gloud Wilson McLelan, of Londonderry, in the County of Colchester, Esquire, and another, was presented by Mr. Huntington, and read, setting forth that the Petitioner, McLelan, was a Candidate at the late Election of a Representative of the Township of Londonderry, in opposition to John Wier, Esquire, the sitting Member—and that Mr. Wier had not at said Election delivered in a Schedule of his Qualification, such as is required by law, although the same was demanded—and also, that at said Election the Presiding Officers had omitted to take down on the Poll Books the Qualifications of Electors objected to, in such manner as to enable the Petitioner, McLelan, to scrutinize the same—and praying that the return of the said John Wier, Esquire, as a Member for said Township, may be set aside, and Petitioner, McLelan, returned in his place, or other redress afforded. Petition of G. W. McLelan against return of Mr. Wier for Londonderry.

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