

fit, or even saving themselves, they will have sustained, by the fulfilment of their contract in building the said Gaol, which is now nearly finished, a loss of about two thousand pounds currency, which will be made appear to the House by the statement hereunto annexed, and the admeasurement of the work.—That the Petitioners, under the impression of the justice and liberality of the Provincial Legislature which they entertain, and of the truth of the allegations hereof, which is certified by the said Commissioners, and others, humbly come forward to solicit that aid and indemnification for their loss aforesaid, which none but the House, and the other two Honorable Branches of the Legislature, can afford them.—Wherefore, the Petitioners pray, that the House will be pleased to take their case into consideration, and grant them relief therein, by the introduction and passing of a Bill appropriating that sum, which shall be proved that they shall have lost, when the said Gaol is completed according to their agreement, for their indemnification thereof, or by such other ways and means, as the House, in its wisdom, shall seem meet.

On motion of Mr. *Mure*, seconded by Mr. *Bruneau* ;

RESOLVED, that the said Petition be referred to a Committee of seven Members, with power to send for persons and papers ; that the said Committee do sit in one of the Committee Rooms of this House, without delay, and that they report their opinion of the contents of the said Petition.

ORDERED, that Mr. *Mure*, Mr. *Papineau*, senior, Mr. *Bellet*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Irvine*, and Mr. *Borgia*, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. *Mure* read in his place, a Petition of *Jean Baptiste Bedard*, whose name is thereunto subscribed, Master Carpenter, Contractor for the Wood Work of the Common Gaol for the District of *Quebec*.

The Honorable Mr. *Irvine*, one of His Majesty's Executive Councilors, rose in his place, and said, that by command of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, he acquainted the House, that His Excellency, having been informed of the purport of the said Petition, gives his consent that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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