

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Resolution appointing Committee. In the House of Assembly, Wednesday, February 27th, moved by Mr. *Brown*, "that the Hon. J. A. McDonald, Attorney General for Upper Canada, having in the course of debate last evening charged Mr. George Brown, a member of this House, while acting in 1848 as a Member and Secretary of the Commission appointed by Government to enquire into the condition of the Provincial Penitentiary :

"*First*. With having recorded falsely the evidence of witnesses examined before the said Commission ;

"*Second*. With having altered the written testimony given by witnesses after their evidence was closed and subscribed ;

"*Third*. With having suborned convicts to commit perjury ;

"*Fourth*. With having obtained the pardon of murderers confined in the Penitentiary to induce them to give false evidence ;

"And the said Hon. J. A. McDonald having pledged himself to substantiate those charges ; that a Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire and report with all convenient speed as to the truth of the said charges, with power to send for persons and papers."

Resolution amended by adding the words "or in words substantially to the same effect," on motion of the Hon. J. A. Macdonald.

Committee appointed by the House :

Messrs. Stevenson,
Masson,
Clarke,

Messrs. Sanborn,
Wilson,
Ferres,

and Felton.