

A petition of John P. Thomson, also a petition of Silas Kellum, both of Cornwallis, were severally presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying a return of duties paid by them on machinery imported. Petitions of J. P. Thomson & S. Kellum

*Ordered*, That the petitions be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures Trade committee

A petition of Michael Lonergan, of Dalhousie, in King's county, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying a grant of land under the circumstances mentioned in his petition. Pet. of M. Lonergan

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on crown property. Crown property com.

A petition of inhabitants of French cross, in Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for an extension of mail communication. Petition for mail extension, Cornwallis

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Post office committee

A petition from the Presbyterian congregation of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying the passing of an act to enable them to divide and appropriate the profits of certain lands belonging to such congregation. Petition of Presbyterian church, Cornwallis

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Bill have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. Leave for bill

A petition of inhabitants of Green Hill, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for the establishment of a way office. Petition for way office Greenhill

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Post office committee

The honorable the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the governor, presented to the house : Reports respecting hospital for the insane

1°. The report of the commissioners of the hospital for the insane for the year 1858.

2°. The report of the medical superintendent of that institution for the same year.

3°. The statement of the receipts and expenditures of the commissioners on account of the institution since their appointment.

And the same were read by the clerk.

*(See appendix No. 10.)*

*Ordered*, That the reports and statement be referred to the committee on humane institutions. Referred to humane institutions committee

The honorable the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the governor, presented to the house :

1°. The report of the chairman of the Board of Works for the year 1858—and the same was read by the clerk. Report of board of works

*(See appendix, No. 11.)*

2°. The report of the superintendent of the provincial penitentiary for the same year. Report on penitentiary

*(See appendix, No. 12.)*

3°. The report the superintendent of light-houses for the same year together with a special report of the same officer upon the light-house and humane establishment upon St. Pauls Island. Report on light houses

*Ordered*, That so much of the report of the chairman of the Board of Works as refers to the provincial penitentiary, be referred to the committee on the penitentiary ; that so much thereof as refers to the hospital for the insane be referred to the committee on humane institutions ; and that so much thereof as refers to light-houses and other works for the security of navigation, be referred to the committee on navigation securities. Referred to various committees

*Ordered*,