

the African School in the Parish of Simonds, in the County of Saint John; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee on School Petitions to report thereon.

Mr. Partelow, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas M'Gaghey, of the City of Saint John, setting forth that he was employed by the Executive Government in the year 1839, to attend a Commission to the Island of Grand Manan, for the purpose of investigating the circumstances attending the burning of the Episcopal Church on that Island, for which he has only received partial payment towards his expenses and time, and praying that he may be reimbursed the balance still due him; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table; and

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

*Resolved*, That the said Petition of Thomas M'Gaghey be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Boyd, Mr. J. A. Street, and Mr. Allen, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Hill, by leave, presented a Petition from Martin J. Hall, of the Parish of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, praying relief by reason of loss sustained in the expenditure of Bye Road Money; which he read.

And upon the question, that the said Petition be received and ordered to lie on the Table, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. J. A. Street, by leave, presented a Petition from John T. Williston, of the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, Merchant, praying for a return of Duty paid on Timber and Logs cut under Licences issued in the year 1843, the said Timber and Logs not having come to market until after the first day of May, 1844; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. Hanington, by leave, presented a Petition from Anthony B. Tayte, of Shediack, in the County of Westmorland, a licenced Teacher, setting forth that he had devoted much time and labour in preparing an Arithmetical Treatise, well adapted to Scholastic Instruction, the Manuscript of which accompanies the Petition, and praying, should the same be approved of, that a Grant may pass towards defraying the expense of the publication thereof; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. Brown, by leave, presented a Petition from John Porter and George M. Porter, of the Parish of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, complaining of an extensive sale of Crown Lands in the Western part of the Province, and praying that the sale of the said Lands may be cancelled, or such other relief granted as may be deemed just and equitable; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended in pursuance to the Order of the House, with the Writ issued to the Sheriff of King's County, for the election of a Member to serve in this General Assembly, in the place of the late Samuel Freeze, Esquire, deceased; and upon reference to the Return of the Sheriff thereto, it appears that William M'Leod, Esquire, has been elected a Member for the said County.

Mr. S. Earle then informed the House that Mr. M'Leod was in attendance, and prayed to be admitted to his Seat.

A Commission under the Great Seal, bearing date this thirtieth day of January instant, appointing the Honorable Neville Parker a Commissioner for the duly qualifying William M'Leod, Esquire, as a Member of this General Assembly, having issued, and the said Commissioner being in attendance for the purpose of administering the oaths—

On motion of Mr. S. Earle,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to attend the Commissioner with Mr. M'Leod, and see him qualified.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Earle and Mr. Allen be the Committee for that purpose.