

Mr. Brown, by leave, presented a Petition from John Marks, of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, setting forth, that he had, in the year 1835, made purchase from the Crown of a large tract of Land, and had paid the first instalment, amounting to upwards of five hundred pounds, and praying to be allowed to surrender the purchase so made, upon the forfeiture of the amount already paid, and that the Bond given to secure the residue of the purchase money may be cancelled; which he read.

And upon the question, that the said Petition be received, and ordered to lie on the Table, the House divided—

YEAS, 11.

NAYS, 12.

Whereupon it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Weldon,

The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a Bill for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of Saint John.

Mr. Hayward in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill again before them, had made further progress therein, and he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted, and leave granted.

On motion of Mr. Weldon,

The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill to authorize the widening and enlarging of certain Streets in the City of Saint John, and of laying out other Streets therein.

Mr. Palmer in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had the Bill referred to them under consideration, and agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed as amended.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House copies of various documents relative to the claim against the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company, as requested by an Address from this House to His Excellency, of yesterday.

The same being then severally read at the Clerk's Table, are as follow :—

“ Downing Street, 14th June, 1839.

“ SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, of the 7th May, No. 34. I received on the same day, a Letter from the New Brunswick Land Company, in answer to a communication, which, in consequence of your Despatch of the 18th March last, I directed to be addressed to them,—of this correspondence, I inclose copies for your information.

“ You will observe that the Company decline to make any further payments until they shall be put in possession of a complete Survey of their Land—including the internal reservations. I confess that their ground of objection appears to me well entitled to consideration. Three years and a half have now passed since the Secretary of State decided that the Company were entitled to a definition of the internal reservations, as well as the exterior boundaries of their Land. During that time, the Government of New Brunswick has been repeatedly urged to expedite the matter; and on the 16th May, 1838, you reported to my predecessor that the survey had been arrested by the sudden death of the Gentleman employed on it, but that you hoped by the next Packet to present the result for Lord Glenelg's consideration. Since that date no further intelligence has been received on the subject. I trust it will be in your power to bring this long pending matter to an immediate conclusion, and to afford a satisfactory explanation of the delay which has occurred.

“ I have the honor to be, Sir,

“ Your most obedient humble servant,
(Signed)

“ NORMANBY.”

Major General Sir J. HARVEY, K. C. B. &c. &c. &c.

“ Downing Street, 3d June, 1839.

“ GENTLEMEN—I am directed by the Marquis of Normanby to transmit to you herewith the copy of a Despatch from Sir John Harvey, accompanied by a Resolution of the Assembly of New Brunswick, praying that means may be taken to obtain payment of the remainder of the purchase money due from you, under your agreement with Her Majesty's Government, of December, 1834; I am to request that you will take immediate steps for complying with the application of the Assembly.

“ I have, &c.

(Signed)

“ H. LABOUCHERE.”

The Directors of the New Brunswick Land Company.

“ New Brunswick