

Bill to amend the Usury Laws brought in.

Mr. *Hincks* then presented to the House a Bill, to exempt certain mercantile transactions from the operation of the Laws for the prevention of usury, which was received, and read for the first time.

*Ordered*—That the said Bill be read a second time on *Monday* next.

House in Committee on Message from Legislative Council with Address to His Excellency on Petitions on Timber Duties.

On motion of Mr. *Neilson*, seconded by Mr. *Dunscomb*.

*Resolved*—That the Message from the Legislative Council of the 12th instant, accompanied by an Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Petitions of both Houses to Her Majesty, and the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament, on the subject of the Timber duties, be now taken into consideration.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Message and Address into consideration,

And the same were severally read.

Resolution concurring in the Address

*Resolved*—That this House doth concur with the Legislative Council in the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the joint Petitions of both Houses to Her Majesty, and the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament, on the subject of the Timber duties.

*Resolved*—That Mr. Speaker do sign the said Address, on behalf of this House, and that it be returned to the Legislative Council.

*Resolved*—That the preceding Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council.

Bill to compel Candidates at Elections to declare their qualifications brought in

*Ordered*—That Mr. *Neilson* do carry the said message to the Legislative Council.

*Ordered*—That Mr. *Morris*, have leave to bring in a Bill to compel all candidates, at any future elections for Members of the Legislative Assembly, to make and subscribe detailed declarations of the property by them possessed, and under which they qualify.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received, and read for the first time.

*Ordered*—That the said Bill be read a second time, on *Monday* next.

House to go into Committee of whole on Wednesday, on Ordinance respecting Quebec roads.

On motion of Mr. *Black* seconded by Mr. *Thorburn*.

*Resolved*—That this House will, on *Wednesday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Ordinance of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, passed in the 4th year of Her Majesty's Reign intituled "*An Ordinance to provide for the improvement of certain Roads in the neighbourhood of, and leading to, the City of Quebec, and to raise a fund for that purpose,*" with a view to ascertain how far it is expedient to extend the provisions of the said Ordinance to a certain Road on the *North* side of the River *St. Charles*.

Petition of J. Black & others referred to same Committee.

*Ordered*—That the Petition of *James Black*, and others, of *Quebec* presented to the House on the 12th instant, be referred to the said Committee.

Amendments of Leg. Coun. to Religious Societies' Lands Bill taken into consideration.

On motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Small*.

*Ordered*—That the amendment made by the Legislative Council, to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Religious Societies of all denominations of Christians to hold the lands requisite for certain purposes therein mentioned,*" be now taken into consideration.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said amendments into consideration.—And the said amendments were read as followeth :—

Amendments.

IN THE TITLE :

Line 1.—After "to" expunge the remainder of the Title, and insert "provide for the relief of certain Religious Societies."