

with the nature of their tenure, and also the amount whether of purchase or of rent paid or payable, and the quantity and situation of the land, and the dates of their respective titles.

Mr. Morris gave notice that to-morrow he should move for a committee to prepare a bill to regulate the disposal of the Waste Lands of this colony.

Notice of bill to regulate the disposal of waste lands,

A petition of John Purcell, James Sheehan, and others, inhabitants of Portugal Cove, was presented by Mr. Nugent, and the same was received and read,

Petition of John Purcell and others

Praying for a grant of a further sum to finish the new line of Road, at least to Westward Point.

On motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Kent,

Ordered,—That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges

A petition of Benjamin Squires, of Manuels, South Shore, was presented by Mr. Morris, and the same was received and read, praying the House to grant him such remuneration as to them shall seem meet, for conveying or ferrying over the pond or gut at Manuels, travellers on their way too and from St. John's, the head of the Bay, and Portugal and Broad Coves.

Petition of B. Squires

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Power,

Ordered,—That the said petition be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges

The Solicitor General gave notice that on an early day he should move for leave to bring in a bill making it imperative upon all persons bringing slide loads of wood into the town of St. John's with horses, or using sleighs, in and about the said town, to have a certain number of bells with such slides and sleighs.

Notice of bill for the regulation of slides and sleighs in the town of St. John's.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow at one of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1840.

MIR. Nugent from the committee appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency the Governor in reply to his Excellency's speech at the opening of this session, reported that the committee had prepared the draft of an address accordingly, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee appointed to prepare address to his Excellency.

On motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Doyle

Ordered—That the said address be referred to a committee of the whole House.

Resolved—That this House do now resolve itself into the said committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

House in committee thereon.

Mr. Doyle took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.