

Mr. ~~James~~ *Cuthbert*, reported from the Committee to whom the petition of *Thomas Porteous* of *Terrebonne*, in the County of *Effingham*, Esquire, was referred; that the Committee had examined the matter of the said petition, and had directed him to report the same, as it appeared to them, to the House; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: where the same was read and is as followeth, *videlicet*:

That in support of the allegations contained in the petition, several Members present informed your Committee, that the delay is very considerable, and the dangers of crossing that branch of the river *Ottawa*, which separates the Island of *Montreal* from the main land of the County of *Leinster*, some times eminent; arising equally from the great breadth of the river, and the quantities of ice floating down in the spring and fall of the year.

To obviate these difficulties and facilitate the communication, there can be no remedy so well calculated as the erection of a Bridge.

Your Committee observe from their own personal knowledge, that vessels of about eighty tons burthen, navigate, during the high waters of the spring only, that branch of the river which flows between the Island of *Montreal* and the *Isle Bourdon*; and that to your Committee it appears necessary, should a Bridge be erected, it should be so constructed as to permit such vessels to pass and repass.

That in regard to the Tariff for crossing, in canoes and batteaux, that part of the river over which it is proposed to erect a Bridge—Your Committee are informed by several of their own Members, that for crossing in a canoe, a single person pays $7d\frac{1}{2}$, and each additional person as much more. That in a batteaux, a single person pays $2/6$, and each additional passenger $1/3$ more.

That a horse and caleche, or cart with the driver, pays $2/6$, and if more than one horse $3/9$, and so in proportion for cattle &c.

That