

Mr. Taylor, by leave, presented a Petition from Andrew Lipsett, praying aid to enable him to establish and maintain a House of Entertainment on the Great Road leading from Fredericton to Richibucto ; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received and referred to the aforementioned Committee to report thereon.

Mr. Earle, by leave, presented a Petition from Philip White, and twenty four others, inhabitants of Queen's County, praying that remuneration be made to the said Philip White, for ferrying the Mails over the Washademoak Lake for two years past ; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received and referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Scoullar, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Miller, of the City of Saint John, Pail Manufacturer, praying compensation for loss sustained to his Establishment by reason of the Convict Labour at the Penitentiary in the manufacture of the same article ; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Trade to report thereon.

Mr. Read, by leave, presented a Petition from Messieurs Sprague, Soule and Company, Ferguson, Rankin and Company, G. and A. Smith, and ninety eight others, inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying aid towards building a Public Wharf at the Grind Stone Quarry at New Bandon, in the said County ; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received and referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented a Petition from Michael S. Harris, of the Parish of Moncton, in the County of Westmorland, praying to be reimbursed loss sustained in the burning of his Mills and Property by the acts of the European and North American Railway workmen ; which he read.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Partelow,

That the House proceed to the Order of the Day of the 9th day of February instant, to go into consideration of the proposed Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to the Speech at the opening of the Session—

The Order of the Day being read, the House went into consideration of the Address, and proceeded therein to the fifth paragraph thereof, which relates to—The success of our Fisheries, and the protection afforded thereto by the British Government.

To which Mr. Needham moved as an amendment—To add the following :—

“ And we sincerely trust that no decision may be made between the Mother Country and the United States upon this subject, unless first submitted for the consideration of the Legislature.”

The question being taken upon the said amendment, the House divided as follows :—

YEAS.

Mr. Needham,	Mr. Earle,
Scoullar,	Purdy,
English,	Ryan,
Connell,	Barberie.
Gilbert,	

NAYS.

Hon. Mr. Street,	Mr. Rice,
Hon. Mr. Partelow,	Stiles,
Hon. Mr. Montgomery,	Godard,
Hon. Mr. Wilmot,	Taylor,
Hon. Mr. Gray,	Macpherson,
Hon. Mr. Hayward,	Boyd,
Mr. Kerr,	M'Leod,
Read,	M'Phelim,
Lewis,	Robinson,
Landry,	Thomson,
Johnson,	Jordan,
Harding,	Cutler,
Botsford,	Williston.
Gordon,	

Whereupon it was decided in the negative ; and

The question then being taken upon the original paragraph, it was adopted.