

Pet. of A. McKinlay,
and al.

Mr. Creighton presented the Petition of Andrew McKinlay and others, praying aid to the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Motion for 2d reading
Franchise Bill.

Mr. Whitman moved that a Bill, entitled, An Act for the better equalizing the Elective Franchise in certain Counties, be read a second time.

Motion with Resolu-
tion to defer.

Which being seconded, Mr. McCully moved the following Resolution in amendment of the said motion :

Whereas the Bill, entitled, An Act for the better equalizing the Elective Franchise in certain Counties, is partial in its operation, abolishing Townships in some Counties returning three Members, and retaining them in others ; and divides Counties returning four Members into two Electoral Districts, each of which Districts will naturally claim very shortly to be set off into a separate County, the result of which will be increased taxation, and an increased Civil List. And whereas, no Petitions appear on the Table of this House in favor of the Bill, and no notice of its contents have been published that the people might have an opportunity of expressing their opinion upon the necessity and propriety of such a measure ; but the draft of another Bill, very different in its operation, was circulated during the year 1858, by order of the House of Assembly, whereby the public are likely to be deceived and misled. And whereas, in certain cases, the Counties are divided up in a partial unequal manner, and this being the last Session of an old House of Assembly about to expire :

Resolved, In the absence of any recent Census or reliable data to guide for adjusting the Representation, that the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

Which being seconded, and after long Debate, the question being put by the President,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

There appeared for agreeing to the Resolution, six—against agreeing to it, thirteen.

For the Resolution—

Mr. McCully,
McKeen,
McHeffey,
Archibald,
Bell,
Comeau.

Against the Resolution—

Mr. McNab,
Creighton,
Pineo,
Brown,
Whitman,
Almon,
Holmes,
Black,
Fairbanks,
Keith,
Tobin,
Cutler,
The President.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Original mo. ag. to.

Then the question on the original Resolution being put, the Resolution was agreed to.

Bill read 2d time and

The said Bill was then read a second time.

Ordered to Com.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past Two o'clock.