

THURSDAY, February 22.

The following petitions were presented, received and read, viz:—

By Mr McIntosh, from Patrick Scully, for compensation for road through his farm.

By Hon Mr Montgomery, from Jeremiah Simpson, Esquire, praying payment of his salary as Road Commissioner, part of which had been withheld by Government.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Hon Col Secretary, by command of his Excellency laid before the House the Estimates for the current year. Ordered to be referred to Committee of Supply.

The House went into Committee of the whole on all matters relating to Roads and Bridges. Mr. Haviland in the Chair. The following resolutions, introduced by Hon Mr Wightman, being reported from the Committee, were agreed to by the House:

1st. That the sum of £7000 be granted for the service of Roads, Bridges and Wharfs for the present year, including all special grants that may be hereafter granted, during the present Session.

2d. That out of the amount voted in the foregoing Resolution, the following sums be apportioned to each County, for the general service of Roads, Bridges and Wharfs, viz:—

Queen's County,	£1700
King's County,	1300
Prince County,	1300
Charlottetown Royalty,	500

3d. That the sum of £300 be granted for the contingent expenses of Roads, to be equally divided between the three Counties.

Resolved, That the sum of £200 be granted and paid under the Road Compensation Act, should the same be required.

Hon. Mr Lord presented a petition from Thomas Craig Township 27, praying aid to open a road—referred to Road Committee.

On motion of the Hon Secretary, it was resolved that there be a special Committee to receive tenders for publishing the debates of the House on a sheet of 4 pages of the size of the journals. Hon Col Secretary, Mr Longworth and Mr. Haviland, Committee.

Agreeably to Resolution, the House went into Committee on the subject of the Patriotic Fund. The sum of £2000 was voted on the following division.

YEAS.—Hon Secretary, Hon Mr. Montgomery, Hon Mr Wightman, Hon Mr Lord, Hon Mr Palmer, Hon Mr Whelan, Hon Mr Warburton, Hon Mr Longworth, Messrs. Haviland, Muirhead, McDonald, Dingwell, Munro, Douse.—14.

NAYS.—Hon Mr Mooney—Messrs. Cooper—Perry—Laird—McIntosh.—5.

Some of the hon members who opposed the vote did not object to the principle involved, but thought the amount disproportionate to the resources of the Island.

After the division, the House, previously to adjournment, on motion of the Hon Colonial Secretary, gave three hearty cheers for Her Majesty the Queen.

FRIDAY, February 23.

Several petitions were presented, only one disposed of, which was a petition from Donald McKay, of New London, presented by Hon Colonial Secretary, praying compensation for a barn and outhouse destroyed by fire in 1852—alleged to be the work of an incendiary,—ordered to be withdrawn, the House declining to establish a precedent for such applications.

Several Bills introduced and read a first time:—From the Committee on expiring laws—An Act to continue and amend the Act relating to Herring and Alewives Fisheries—An Act to continue the Emigration Act, read a third time. Introduced by Mr Muirhead: An Act to amend the Act relating to the appointment of Coroners, with a view to an increase of their numbers. By Hon Mr Palmer: A Bill to reduce the fees taken for registry of deeds; and a Bill relating to stamped instruments the object of which is to render valid deeds and other conveyances of property in this Island, when the same may be executed in Britain on unstamped paper. Those three Bills stand over for a second reading.—The House again went into Committee

on the Tenant's Compensation Bill, and agreed to the same. Adjourned.

The House of Assembly did not meet on Saturday or Munday, the 24th and 26th February, owing to the absence from town of several members.

TUESDAY, February 27.

The Hon. Col. Secretary reported from the Committee on publishing the debates and proceedings of the House, that Mr. Hughes's tender for £1 17s 6d per sheet was the lowest, and recommended its acceptance. The report was received and adopted by the House. The other tenders were respectively £2 10s, £2 18s and £3 3s.—The Bill relating to Emigrants was read second time and passed.—The Bill relating to the rules and limits of Jails, which was merely a continuation of the old Act, was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed.—The Bill for the protection of the Herring and Alewives' fisheries was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.—The Bill provides that violations of the Act may be proved by the oath of one or more witnesses instead of two, which were required by the old Act. Act to be in force ten years.—Mr. Palmer's Bill, rendering unnecessary that deeds and other documents affecting property in this Island and executed abroad should be stamped, passed.—The Census Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council, was read a second time.—Mr. Cooper presented a petition from Charles Mullen, an old pauper—referred to the Committee on paupers' petitions. Also a petition from John Burke, of Souris, praying compensation for boats and scows rendered comparatively valueless by the erection of the new bridge. After some conversation, the petition was laid upon the Table.—Mr. Cooper also presented a petition of Fidell Pocquet, of Souris, praying compensation for land used as a road. It appeared that petitioner's land was a good deal cut up by roads, and that he had allowed the road which was the subject of the petition to be opened and used several years since. This fact, in the opinion of hon members, was a strong objection to the claim. Laid on the Table.

A discussion then arose on the presentment, by Mr. Cooper, of a petition from sundry inhabitants of the first district of King's County, praying the recovery, by the Government, of the lands which had been forfeited, and the settlement of the tenantry, who had improved the lands. The Hon. Col. Secretary entered at some length into the questions involved in the petition, for the purpose of letting the people of the country know, as soon as possible, that the Government did not intend to advocate a measure of escheat, on the ground that it was now impossible, and that even if the Legislature should pass a Bill to that effect, the Imperial Government would not sanction it. He showed that when the hon. member who introduced the petition was Speaker, a Bill for the purpose was introduced and disallowed; and cited extracts from different despatches, expressive of the determination of the British Govt. not to allow any such Bill to become law. The Hon Col Secretary and the Hon Col Treasurer attributed the petition to the efforts of designing men who went about the country for the purpose of exciting feelings on this subject, which would not otherwise have arisen. Messrs Cooper and Macintosh stated that the dissatisfaction was occasioned by the high price charged, by the Government, to the tenants on the Worrel Estate, who had been induced to believe that their lands would have been offered to them at a far lower price than they were now called upon to pay; and that the Government, by the price paid to the parties from whom they purchased, had really given a double value to the titles of the proprietors. It was alleged, in reply to this objection, that the price asked was barely sufficient to cover cost and charges; and Mr. Cooper was requested to name a day for full discussion of the question. The hon. member not being, at that time, prepared to name a particular day, the petition was laid upon the Table, with the understanding that Mr. Cooper would fix a day for taking up the whole subject.—Hon. Mr. Whelan presented a petition from a School Master, Michael Dinn, in King's County, which was referred to the Special Committee on Teacher's petitions; and Hon. Mr. Warburton, one from Mary Ann Murphy, School Teacher, referred to same Committee; and four road petitions, referred to Committee on roads. The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 28.

The Tenant's Compensation Bill was read a third time and passed; also, the Act relating to the rules and limits of Jails, and the Bill for the protection of the Herring and Alewives Fisheries, and the Bill relating to stamped instruments, introduced by the Hon Mr Palmer, who explained the object of the Bill, which will render stamps unnecessary to the legality of instruments affecting property in this Island. Hon Mr Longworth introduced an Act for the Incorporation of Charlottetown, and in doing so the hon gentleman briefly explained the principal features of the measure. The Bill resembled that introduced last session by the Hon Mr Palmer, and he deprecated the introduction of party feeling in its consideration. It was deemed necessary to incorporate the town, and the Bill was based on the Acts of Incorporation in other places. It was proposed to elect the Mayor from the Common Council. The Mayor, Recorder and City Clerk were the only civic functionaries to be paid. The fines and license fees would greatly diminish the expense of the municipal organization; and he concluded by observing that, as the name 'Charlottetown' would be inappropriate for a city, he would sug-