

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday the 3rd February next.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of Members of this House.

A Petition of Thomas E. Collett and others, inhabitants of Branch in Placentia Bay, was presented by Mr. DILLON (who stated in his place that he had received the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose) and the same was received and read, setting forth, that the inhabitants of said settlement had been deprived of the benefit of a School Teacher since the year 1818; that there were upwards of fifty children who were thereby without the means of receiving any education, and praying the House to grant the sum of £38 per annum to defray the salary of a School Teacher.

Petition of Thomas E. Collett and others, Branch, for a School Teacher.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On table.

The following Petitions for grants of money towards making and repairing of Roads and Bridges were presented by Mr. DILLON (who stated in his place that he had received the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose) and the same were received and read, viz.

Road Petitioners presented.

From the Rev. James Walsh and others, inhabitants of Great Placentia, setting forth, that the street along the Waterside is in a very bad state of repair, and that at high tides is it inundated, and praying that the House will, in addition to former grants, appropriate a sum for the purpose of repairing said street.

Rev. James Walsh and others, Great Placentia.

From Patrick Hogan and others, inhabitants of Distress Cove on the Eastern Shore of Placentia Bay, setting forth, that the Petitioners occupy farms along the coast at the Eastern side of Placentia Bay; but from the danger and difficulty, as well as personal risk attending the travelling and transmission of produce to Great Placentia, particularly in the spring and fall Petitioners suffer much inconvenience; also, that a profitable punt fishery is carried on at said Harbor, but that much delay is often occasioned in the procuring of salt from Great Placentia by water, whereby considerable loss is sustained, and praying a grant to make a Road through five miles of woods, and for building Bridges between the said settlements.

P. Hogan and others, Distress Cove in Placentia Bay.

From H. J. Bradshaw and others, inhabitants of Fresh Water in Great Placentia, setting forth, that Petitioners and their Families have occupied farms in Fresh Water, about one mile from Great Placentia, for the last forty years, that the only access to the said settlement from Great Placentia is by a narrow and dangerous path over Signal or Castle Hill, and that consequently the said inhabitants of Fresh Water are prevented from visiting Great Placentia to dispose of their produce to get provisions, and to attend Divine Service; and praying the House to Grant a sum of money to make a road of about three quarters of a mile to meet the Little Placentia Road.

H. G. Bradshaw and others, in Great Placentia.

From Thomas E. Collett and others, inhabitants of Harbor Buffet and Muscle Harbor, in Placentia Bay, setting forth, that the grants in aid of making Roads in said settlement up to the present time have been fully expended, that the sum granted for Harbour Buffet has proved insufficient to make a Road from one extremity to the other of said settlement, about half of said Road only being completed, and the Road between Muscle Harbor and Harbor Buffet requires a further sum to complete it, and praying the House to grant a sum for these purposes.

Thos. E. Collett and others, Harbor Buffet & Muscle Harbour.