

to enquire whether the said lot of ground really belongs to his Majesty and in that case, if the said ground has not already been appropriated to a different use; reported the information obtained by the Committee on the subject of the said instruction.

The Special Committee on the Bill relating to Inspectors of Flour, reported the Bill with an amendment, and the said Bill and report were referred to a Committee of the whole House on Friday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to "authorise François Cloutier to build a Toll-bridge over the River St. Anne and St. Joachim, in the county of Northumberland, and the House reported the Bill with several amendments, and the said report was ordered to be received to-morrow.

The order of the day for the House in Committee on the report of the Special Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Quebec Fire Insurance Company, was read and postponed till Wednesday, the 23d instant.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the report of the Special Committee on the Bill relating to Wesleyan Methodists, and reported the Bill with several amendments, which report was ordered to be received on Friday next.

The House proceeded according to order to take the petition of J. B. Tasché, and B. C. A. Gagy, Esquires, into consideration, and the said petition being again read, it was resolved, that the excuses contained in the petition of J. B. Tasché and B. C. A. Gagy, Esqrs. two of the Commissioners appointed by this House for the purpose of examining the witnesses of the Electors of the County of Northumberland, for the contested Election of Marc Paschal de Salles Laterrière, Esqr. were sufficient.

It was also resolved, that Pierre Laforce, and Antoine Parant, senior, Esquires, be appointed Commissioners for the purpose of examining the witness of the Electors for the County of Northumberland, for the contested election of Marc Paschal de Salles Laterrière Esq. and that Pierre Laforce, Esquire, be the President of the said Commission.

Then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 16th February.

A Petition read by Mr. De Rocheblave, from the Magistrates of Montreal, was, upon a division of yeas 18, nays 10, not received, inasmuch as the fifteen days for receiving petitions on private bills were expired.

On Motion of Mr. Vallières a Special Committee was appointed to enquire into the practice of the Courts of Justice respecting expences in causes where the King is a party, and whether it would not be expedient to make known the law in that respect: the Committee report by bill or otherwise.

The engrossed bill for an enumeration and return of the Population of the Province was read a third time, passed, and ordered to the Legislative Council.

The consideration of the report of the Justices of the Peace on the monies appropriated for the support of the Emigrants' Hospital at Quebec, was postponed to Wednesday next.

A Committee on Motion of Mr. Blanchet was appointed to enquire into the expediency, and also into the best plan of promoting the communication between the ports of Quebec and Halifax by means of a steam vessel.

The order of the day to consider of the appointment of an agent in the United Kingdom, was postponed to Friday the 25th instant.

The Special Committee on the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council to continue and amend the Act for the summary trial of certain small causes in the country parishes of this Province, reported the Bill with several amendments, and the Bill and report were ordered to be considered in a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Special Committee on the Bill to continue certain Acts therein mentioned relating to the trial of controverted Elections, reported the Bill with several amendments, which were ordered to be considered in a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Leave was given to bring in a bill to authorize a further loan towards the erection of a Common Gaol in the inferior District of St. Francis, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Committee, to whom were referred the statements of the different Banks in this Province, reported as their opinion, that the same statements were in conformity to the directions of their respective Acts of Incorporation.