

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1839.

Wednesday, 13th February, 1839.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Joseph Allison,
James W. Johnston,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,

The Honorable Lewis M. Wilkins, Jun.
Alexander Campbell,
James Ratchford,
William B. Almon.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday and yesterday were read.

Petition of African School

Mr. Allison brought up the Petition of the Rev. Robert Willis, praying aid to the African School, which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Report of Com. of Public Accounts

Mr. Lawson, the Chairman of the Committee of this House appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to examine the Public Accounts, made his report in writing, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

Order of Day for consideration of His Excellency's Messages

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, that it be the Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 27th day of February, instant, for the House to go into consideration of His Excellency's Messages to this House of the 18th January last.

Trustees of School Land Bill read 2nd time

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Trustees of School Lands in this Province, was read a second time.

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

Copies of Grants of School Lands

Mr. Johnston, by His Excellency's command, laid before the House certain Papers relating to Schools Land, agreeably to the Address of this House to His Excellency, in the last Session, dated 17th April, 1838, which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. Allison reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Committee on Bills Report Criminal Justice Bill with amendments Amendment agreed to

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Administration of Criminal Justice, and made several amendments thereto.

Motion to recommit agreed to

The amendments, being read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House. Mr. Wilkins moved that the said Bill be re-committed for the purpose of inserting in the Bill the third Clause thereof, which has been struck out by the Committee : which, being seconded, and the Question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Com. on Bills

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Report Criminal Justice Bill with Amendments

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Administration of Criminal Justice, and made several amendments thereto.

Amendments agreed to

Which amendments, being read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.

Motion to recommit negatived

Mr. Wilkins moved that the said Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of inserting in the Bill the second Clause thereof which has been struck out in Committee : which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, two ; against the motion, six. So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Thursday,