

Mr *Bedard* also reported, that accompanied by the other Messengers, they had, in obedience to the orders of the House, presented their Address of Wednesday last, to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying he will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before this House, an Estimate of the Civil Expences of the Government of this Province, and that his Excellency had been pleased to answer, he would give directions that the desires of the House might be complied with.

A Petition of divers Masters of River Craft, navigating between the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr *Bedard*; and the same was received and read;—SETTING FORTH:—That by virtue of an Act of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, “An Act for the better regulation of Pilots and Shipping, in the Port of *Quebec*, and in the Harbours of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and for improving the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, for establishing a fund for decayed pilots, their widows and children;” the master, deputy master and wardens of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, on Tuesday the 15th April, 1806, made and constituted Bye Laws, Rules and Orders, to be observed by the masters of ships and river craft, in the River *St. Lawrence*, the which were confirmed by his Honor *Thomas Dunn*, the then President of this Province, on the 22d of the same month —That in the third section of the said Bye Laws, Rules, and Orders to be observed in the said harbour of *Montreal*, Article 6, it is constituted and ordained, that all river craft, when ordered and directed by the harbour master, shall relinquish and give up their births and moorings, to vessels coming from sea —And by the 7th article of the same section, it is further constituted, and ordained. “That any ships and vessels coming from sea, shall not be obliged to relinquish and give up their births or moorings to any river craft.”—That the same regulation further implies, that any ships and vessels arrived from sea, shall be permitted to remain in their births or moorings, although unloaded, as long as they like, in the said harbour, without being compelled to relinquish their births or moorings to the river craft.—That it has happened to many of the petitioners, that when arrived at the port of *Montreal* from *Quebec*, with their vessels, and had placed them conveniently, for unloading their cargoes, before they were able to effect