

a reference to the records of the Court, from which it will appear that in the years 1825 and 1826 the Judges sat on Circuit only forty six days in each year, and the year preceding only nineteen days. The same records will shew that in 1863 the Judges sat on Circuit seven days longer than the Circuit Courts sat throughout the whole Province for nine years, viz. from 1818 to 1826, both inclusive. In 1826 the population of the Province was, according to the census of 1824, 74,176; by the census of 1861 it was 252,047. In 1826 the number of Attorneys and Barristers was forty, now there are more than two hundred.

It is, moreover, now absolutely necessary for the proper and convenient transaction of the business of the country, that two at least of the Judges, should reside at Saint John, or in its vicinity. For the expenses of those Judges in attending the Terms at Fredericton, four times a year, nothing is allowed; thus diminishing by so much their incomes, already too small. The Judges therefore respectfully suggest that the travelling and expense fund should be increased by £250; and that the Judges residing out of Fredericton attending Term should be put on the same footing as Judges on Circuit, with reference to their travelling expenses.

By the arrangement proposed for the transaction of business in Term, and by the additional Circuits, the Judges are inclined to think that, without any present increase to the Judiciary, they may be able to meet the requirements of the country, not certainly without great labor on their parts. This, however, as long as they are able, they are willing to bestow, if it will accomplish the desired object.

I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES CARTER.

The Hon. S. L. Tilley, &c. &c. &c.

On motion of Mr. Cudlip,

The House again went into Committee of the whole on—A Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act passed in the twenty fifth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act relating to the Militia."

Dr. Dow in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their further consideration, had made amendments thereto, and then agreed to the same under the Title of—

A Bill in addition to and in amendment of "An Act relating to the Militia."

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted and the Bill, as amended, engrossed under the amended Title.

On motion of Mr. Skinner,

*Resolved*, That the House now go into Committee of the whole in further consideration of—A Bill to amend the Law relating to the shipping of Seamen at the Port of Saint John.

To which Mr. Smith moved as an amendment—To expunge the word "now," and substitute those "this day three months."

Upon the question for the amended motion, the House divided—

YEAS 11.

NAYS 6.

And it was thereupon carried in the affirmative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Tilley,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to appoint Delegates, not to exceed five, to confer with Delegates who may be appointed by the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, for the purpose of considering the subject of the union of the three Provinces under one Government and