On motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Kent,

Referred to committee on roads and bridges

Ordered,—That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Reads and Bridges.

Message from his Excellency.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Secretary Crowdy being admitted within the bar, informed the House that he had a message from his Excellency the Governor, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the same to the House.

He also laid before the House by command of his Excellency the following documents, viz.

Copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to the remuneration to the Collector of Customs for collecting the Colonial Revenue.

Copy of correspondence relative to the repairs of the Block House on Signal Hill.

Return of certificates of Wolves killed between the 14th September, 1839, and 3d January, 1840,—and

Accounts and claims for the support of paupers.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The said message was then read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:

H. PRESCOTT.

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly an affecting representation made by the Rev. Mr. Ward, of the state of John Collins, and acquaints the House that the extreme urgency of the case has induced his Excellency to direct the admission of Collins into the Hospital.

Government House, \\
13th Jan. 1840.

The letter accompanying the said message and the said documents were then read by the Clerk.

(For the said copy of despatch and return see Appendix.)

On motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Power,

Resolved,—That the said message and the papers on the subject of the poor, sent down by his Excellency this day, be referred to a select committee to report upon.

Ordered,—That Mr. Nugent, Mr. Power, Mr. Winser, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Moore, do form the said committee.

Petition of John Kelly and others

A petition of John Kelly, Michael Roach and others, inhabitants of Middle Cove, was presented by Mr. Morris, and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of a sufficient sum to make a road from their settlement to the Outer Cove road.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Kent,

Referred to committee on roads and bridges

Ordered,—That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Pefition of P. Tobin and others.

A petition of Patrick Tobin, Thomas Hallahan and others, inhabitants of Flat Rock, was also presented by Mr. Morris, and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of a sum sufficient to repair the road from Flat Rock to Torbay, which is in a very bad state.