

Saturday, 17th May, 1856.

Committee met,—

MEMBERS PRESENT :

JAMES MOIR FERRES, Esquire,
(Chairman.)

Mr. Felton,
Mr. Masson,

Mr. Sanborn,—4.

The Honorable Mr. Macdonald was present.

MINUTES of yesterday read and approved.

Ordered, That notice be given to the parties interested, that on Monday morning next, at 10 o'clock, the Committee would peremptorily proceed to the final disposal of the order of reference.

The Committee adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., on Monday next.

Monday, 19th May, 1856.

Committee met,—

MEMBERS PRESENT :

JAMES MOIR FERRES, Esquire,
(Chairman.)

Mr. Felton,
Mr. Masson,

Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sanborn,—5.

The Honorable Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Brown were present.

MINUTES of Saturday read and approved.

The Hon. Mr. Justice *Richards* called, and examined by Mr. Brown.

Ques. 808. Are you one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of Upper Canada?—Ans. I am one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of Upper Canada.

Ques. 809. Were you a Member of Parliament, and in attendance at the sittings of the House of Assembly, during the sessions of 1849, 1850, and 1851?—Ans. I was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, during the years 1849, 1850, and 1851, and attended the sittings of the Legislature held during these years.

Ques. 810. Do you recollect of the Hon. J. A. Macdonald moving in the House of Assembly, in 1850 and 1851, for the reference to a Select Committee of the petition of Henry Smith, Senior, complaining of the mode of proceeding adopted towards him by the Penitentiary Commissioners, and the debate that ensued thereon?—Ans. I recollect of the Honorable John A. Macdonald moving in 1851, to refer to a Select Committee the petition of Henry Smith, Esquire, late Warden of the Provincial Penitentiary, complaining of the manner in which the investigation of charges against him was conducted by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and I have some recollection of the debate that arose thereon. I have no doubt a similar motion was made in 1850, but I have no particular recollection of the debate which then ensued.