

A petition of James Maccallum and others, residents of Brackley Point, and the northern end of Townships Nos. 33 and 34, was presented to the House by the Hon. G. Coles, and the same was received and read, setting forth that Township No. 33 is bounded on the North, first by shifting sands, and then by the Gulf of St. Lawrence, that for several years past the sand has been encroaching on, and destroying most valuable property, and that in some places the sand-hills are now one mile farther inland than formerly, and that some valuable farms are at the present time in the most imminent danger of being overwhelmed and destroyed from the shifting nature of the sand on the North Side of the Island; that the only preventative with which Petitioners are acquainted, is the cultivation and protection from cattle, of the sandhill grass.

That there is a public road leading down to the Gulf Shore, and that cattle and sheep are allowed free liberty on the sands to eat and destroy every green plant or herb that may appear, thus leaving the sand bare and exposed to the next north or north-westerly storm that may come, by which it gets blown still further inland.

That years since, Little Harbor and Cove Head Harbor were each navigable for schooners, and of great importance and value to the resident inhabitants, but from the encroachment of the sand these Harbors are now rendered useless; and praying the House to redress the grievances complained of, by authorizing a gate to be placed across the Road leading to the shore, (at the marsh) or by preventing cattle and sheep from running at large on the sand-hills or otherwise; and further praying the Government to procure, at their earliest convenience, a Dredging Machine to be used in dredging out and keeping open the various Harbors on the coasts of this Island.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to a Committee, to examine the same and report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. G. Coles, the Hon. J. Hensley, Mr. Howat, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Haslam do compose the said Committee.

On motion of the Hon. D. Davies, seconded by Mr. Green,

*Resolved*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

*Ordered*, That the Estimates be referred to the said Committee.

And then the House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Maclellan took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Chairman reported that the Committee had gone into the consideration of a Supply, and had come to a Resolution which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Committee be received to-morrow.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. D. Davies, seconded by Mr. Green,

*Resolved*, That the House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Souris Bank, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Sinclair took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;