

Wednesday, 8th March, 1865.

Mr. CASEY presented a Petition from David Baird and others, of Waterford Bridge road, which was received and read, praying for a grant to repair said road.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

(Documents from His Excellency the Governor.)

The Hon. Acting COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Documents.

Circular Despatch from Secretary of State, inclosing Copy of Circular addressed to certain Colonies relative to the establishment of a system of Prison discipline, in accordance with that submitted by the Committee of the House of Lords and the Royal Commissioners on Penal Servitude.

Circular Despatch inclosing instructions relative to the "Cat" to be used in certain Colonies in inflicting Corporal punishment, and recommending it as a suitable Model.

Despatch from Lord Monck to Governor Sir Alexander Bannerman, on the subject of Confederation.

Letter from Captain Orlebar, R. N., on the subject of Light-houses.

Report from SURVEYOR GENERAL for the year 1864.

(For which, see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL presented a Petition from Joseph Ackerman, Constable of Bonavista, and from Joseph Goodland, Constable there, which were severally received and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. CASEY presented a Petition from John Connel, late Constable of Harbor Grace, which was received and read, praying for compensation for loss of office.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. RENOUF presented a Petition from Thomas McMurdo and others, of the Western District of St. John's, which was received and read, praying for a grant to complete the Black Marsh Road.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. RENOUF presented a Petition from John Dwyer and others, of Freshwater road, which was received and read, praying for a grant to connect that road with the Topsail Road.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at three of the clock.