Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor.

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tition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Niagara, praying that the Welland Canal may be cut on the route already chartered; the petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Niagara, praying for an act of incorporation in favor of a company to be called the Niagara Canal Company, with leave to open a lateral cut from the Welland Canal, below the mountain ridge, to the Town of Niagara, sufficient for boat navigation; the petition of John M. A. Cameron and others, praying for an act for attaching the property of absconded debtors; and the petition of the inhabitants of the County of Prince Edward, praying to be set off into a separate District, were read.

Mr. Fothergill, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the petition of certain inhabitants, from the County of Prince Edward, be referred to a select committee, and that Messrs. Lyons, Lefferty, McBride, and Gordon, do compose the same, with power to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Agreeeably to notice, Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves for leave to bring in a bill for the punishment of open and common adultery.

Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. McBride, moves that the bill for the punishment of open and common adultery, be read a second time on Friday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. McBride, moves for leave to bring in a bill to confirm and make valid certain marriages heretofore contracted, and further to provide for the future solemnization of marriages within this Province.

Which was granted and the bill read. Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. McBride, moves that the bill to confirm and make valid certain marriages heretofore contracted, and fur-

ther to provide for the future solemnization of marriages within this Province, be read a second time on Friday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Religious Society bill was read the second time.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the Religious Society relief bill.

Which was carried, and Mr. Beardsley was called to the Chair.

The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honourable the Legislative Council a message, and having retired, the Speaker read the same as follows :

MR. SPEAKER,

The Honourable the Legislative have received the Report of their Committee of Conference on the subject of the Library.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, November, 1825.

The House went again into committee on the Religious Society bill.

Mr. Beardsley in the Chair

The House resumed.

Mr. Beardsley reported the bill as amended.

The report was ordered to be received.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. McBride, moves that the bill for the relief of Religious Societies be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.

Which was ordered. The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 22d November, 1825.

Agreeably to the order of the day the New-Brunswick relief bill was read the third time.

Mr. Playter, seconded by Mr. Beardsley, moves that he bill for the relief of the sufferers in New-Brunswick do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to raise a sum of money, by debentures, for the relief of the sufferers in New-Brunswick by the late fire. Which was carried and the bill signed.

Messrs. Rolph and Playter were ordered by the Speaker to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to raise a sum of money, by debentures, for the relief of the sufferers in New-Brunswick by the late fire, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves for leave to bring in a bill to continue and amend an act assigning Limits to Gaols in this Province.

Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the bill for continuing and amending the act for assigning Limits to Gaols in this Proviace, be read a second time on Friday next.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Rolph, from the Committee to draft an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on importation of Flour to Great Britain, reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Scollick, seconded by Mr. Matthews, moves that the address to his Excellency, respecting the importation of Flour, as well as Wheat, into the ports of Great Britain, be read a second time on Thursday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the encouragement of useful arts was read the second time.

Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill to promote the progress of useful arts in this Province.

Which was carried, and Mr. Matthews was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Matthews reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Wolf bill was read the second time.

Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Wolf bill.

Which was carried, and Mr. Lefferty was called to the Chair.

The House resumed to receive a message. Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a message, and having withdrawn, the Speaker read

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