

the House in the Council Chamber---whereupon, Mr. *Speaker*, with the House, attended His Honor the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, and being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reported, that His Honor the PRESIDENT was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill, to wit,

“ A Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes out of the Province for a limited time.”

Mr. *Speaker* presented a Letter from the Attorney General.

Ordered, that the Letter lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for going into Committee on “ A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of Trials in the same; and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be discharged; and that the House will go into Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o’Clock.

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TUESDAY the 18th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

#### PRAYERS.

Read a second time “ A Bill to give effect to and to prevent the evasion of an Act intituled an Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province.”

Ordered that the same Bill be committed to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the “ Bill for the more effectual preventing and further punishment of Forgery.”

Mr. *Humbert* took the Chair of the Committee.

the *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Humbert* from the Committee, reported that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the Bill to them referred, under its title, and had made several amendments thereunto;

Which report was ordered to be received, and the Bill as amended, to be engrossed.

The House in Committee.

Mr. *Millidge* in the Chair. Went into consideration of “ A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expenses of Trials in the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* from the Committee, reported that they had entered into consideration of the Bill to them referred, had made some progress therein, and he was instructed to move for leave to sit again.

Which report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Pagan* moved for leave to bring in “ A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating Pilots.”

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Wetmore* presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of a back settlement on the South-east side of the Kennebeckacis River : And also,

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of King’s County and others, praying aid towards improving the Road from Gondola Point to Saint John.

Which Petitions were ordered to be received and referred to the Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. *Humbert* presented a Petition of *Nehemiah Merritt* and *Robert James*, praying for a drawback on four Puncheons of Rum shipped by them for exportation.