

Mr. Porter, by leave, presented a Petition from Nancy M'Bean, of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, Widow of an old Soldier of the Revolutionary War, praying that the usual Pension may be granted to her ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee on like claims to report thereon.

Mr. Hatheway, by leave, presented a Petition from Elizabeth Bailey, of Douglas, in the County of York, Widow of an old Soldier, praying pecuniary aid in her distressed circumstances ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Johnson moved for leave to bring in a Bill to relieve the Engine Men of the Chatham Fire Engines, in the County of Northumberland, from certain Taxes and from Parish Offices, and to afford immunities and exemptions to them in certain cases.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Williston moved for leave to bring in a Bill to revive an Act in addition to an Act intituled "An Act to enable the Justices of the Peace for the several Counties in this Province for the time being, to receive for public uses Grants of Land lying in their respective Counties, and to regulate the Commons belonging to the several Townships or Parishes within the same."

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Williston also moved for leave to bring in a Bill in addition to an Act to consolidate the Laws relating to Buoys and Beacons.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Thomson, by leave, presented a Petition from John Pratt and William Bowden, of the Parish of Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in rebuilding the Bridge over Bonney Creek, which was carried away by the late Freshet ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to a Select Committee to report thereon ; and further

*Ordered*, That Mr. Thomson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Harding, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Macpherson, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Lewis, by leave, presented a Petition from Edward Stevens, Esquire, James Foster, Lewis Milton, and twenty one others, inhabitants of the Parish of Harvey, in the County of Albert, praying that Isaac Pulcifer, the Contractor for building the Bridge over Salmon River, may be reimbursed loss and damage sustained by reason of the late Freshet ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Porter, by leave, presented a Petition from Zachariah Chipman, David A. Rose, and twenty five others, inhabitants of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, praying that a sum may be appropriated from the Buoy and Beacon Fund towards improving the Wharf at the Public Landing at that place ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Trade to report thereon.

Mr. Gilbert, by leave, presented a Petition from Carlton Peters, James Clark, William Penry, and thirty four others, inhabitants of the Parish of Hampstead, in Queen's County, praying that the Commissioners of Roads for that place be authorized to pay the sums collected in lieu of Statute Labour or forfeiture into the hands of the Surveyor of Roads in the District ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Godard,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of five Members, to whom may be referred all matters relating to Couriers and Carriers of Mails.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Godard, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Pickard, and Mr. Earle, do compose the said Committee.

Mr.