

From the Reverend I. W. D. Gray and others, for aid to a Commercial School :
 From John Cunningham, for aid to a Road : and
 From James Robinson and others, for aid to a Road.

ORDERED, That the same be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Brown, by leave, presented a Petition from Daniel Sullivan and others, for an Act to erect a Draw in Ferry Point Bridge.

ORDERED, That the same be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, 1853.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Botsford,
 Mr. Hatch,
 Mr. Minchin,
 Mr. Davidson,
 Mr. Connell,*

*Mr. Chandler,
 Mr. Solicitor General,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Brown,
 Mr. Gilbert.*

PRAYERS.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Chandler, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

28th February, 1853.

EDMUND HEAD.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, on the subject of the desertion of Merchant Seamen.

His Excellency recommends that the Legislature should take such steps as may be expedient for checking the evil referred to in the Despatch. E. H.

DESERTION OF SEAMEN.

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Downing Street, 28th June, 1852.

SIR,—I transmit to you for your information an extract from a letter from the Board of Trade, calling my attention to the necessity which exists for passing a stringent law to put a stop to the evils complained of by the Shipping interest, from the desertion of Seamen in the Colonies from Merchant Vessels.

I have no doubt that you will fully concur with the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade in endeavouring to obtain a Colonial Act for this object, and I beg that you will recommend to the consideration of the local Legislature the useful suggestions which their Lordships have made to meet the object in view.

I also enclose copies of the Canadian Acts referred to in Mr. Booth's letter.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN S. PAKINGTON.