

The following Bills from the Legislative Council were according to order read a second time, and referred to Special Committees.

Bill relating to smugglers.

Bill for the circulation of Sovereigns.

Another Bill relating to the completion of the Lachine Canal, was according to order read a second, time and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resolved itself into Committee on His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's message, relating to the expences of the Civil Government of the Province for the year 1825; reported progress, and moved for leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 9th March.

The engrossed Bill to facilitate the Administration of Justice throughout the Province, (the Judicature Bill) was read a third time, and ordered to the Council, on a division of *yeas* 21, *nays* 1.

The engrossed Bill to effect a Loan [£30,000] to complete the Lachine Canal; was read a third time, passed and ordered to the Council—*yeas* 16, *nays* 6.

Mr. Simpson presented a petition from the Inhabitants of the County of York praying the establishment of a Circuit Court at Grenville at the head of the Long Sault, referred to a Special Committee.

Mr. Lagneux from the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of encouraging Ship Building in this Province, reported that "there are no means adapted to the effectual encouragement of Ship Building in this Province, and that that branch of Industry must therefore for some years be left to the natural course of Commerce.

Mr. Vallières from the Committee appointed to consider of the means of regulating and fixing the Fees &c. of Officers of Justice and the expediency of granting fixed Salaries to the Prothonotaries, to establish a Fund for that purpose by a moderate duty upon Law-proceedings, and to repeal the power given to the Judges of regulating the Emoluments or Fees of the Prothonotaries."

Mr. Blanchet seconded by Mr. Simpson, moved that this House will on Saturday next consider whether it would not be expedient to provide for the Independence of the Judges of the Courts of King's Bench, and of the Provincial Judges and to regulate the Offices of Judicature in this Province—agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Vallières presented a Petition from Mr. Leblond, Serjeant at Arms of the Assembly, for an increase of Salary; referred to the Committee on the Estimates.

Mr. Assistant Secretary Montizambert, delivered pursuant to an Address, copies of the bonds and securities given by the Sheriffs of the Districts of Quebec, Montreal, and Three-Rivers.

The Bill to grant prisoners for capital offences the benefit of Council, was referred to a Special Committee.

A number of motions were offered to the House by Mr. Vallières, which went to make void the proceedings of the Commissioners on the contested Election for the Lower-Town; referred for consideration to Friday next.

The House in Committee on the Estimate voted a number of sums; the consideration of £25, to Mrs. Champlain, as a Pension, was postponed.

THURSDAY, 10th March.

Mr. Blanchet introduced a Bill to appropriate a certain sum of money for the support of the Emigrant's Hospital in Quebec.

Mr. Lagneux presented a Petition from Mr. Daniel McCallum, Agent of the Petitioners against the Election of Mr. Young for the Lower-Town of Quebec: and it was ordered that the parties be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House on the Report of the Commissioners.

Mr. Quesnel, on a Resolve of a Committee of the whole House, introduced a Bill for the more certain and expeditious distribution of the printed Acts of the Legislature of this Province.

The House in Committee on the Estimate, voted a number of sums; the motion for £2500, for contingent expenses of the Courts of Justice, was amended so as to comprise the allowance to the Attorney and the Solicitor General, and the contingencies of their office, and the payment of all consultations by the Crown.

100, for the Sheriff of St. Francis, £75 voted; £50 to Sheriff, £25 to jailor.