

Of *John Curtain* and others, Stevedores at the Port of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Bill to regulate the trade of Stevedore at that Port.

Of the Reverend *T. Cholette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Polycarpe*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the employing or sailing of Vessels on Sundays and *Fêtes d'Obligation*.

Of *W. Kingsmill*, Esquire, Chairman, and *Samuel Wood*, Secretary, on behalf of a public meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of *Niagara*; praying that indemnification for Rebellion Losses in *Lower Canada* be not granted, but upon certain conditions therein set forth.

Of *William James* and others, of the Village of *Thorold*; taking notice of the *Upper Canada Municipal Corporation Bill*,—the *Upper Canada Assessment Bill*,—and the Bill for the removal of the *Niagara District Town to Port Robinson*; and praying that the same may not become law as they now stand.

Petition of G. D. Watson;

Ordered, That the Petition of *George D. Watson*, on behalf of the Board of Management of the Merchant's Exchange and Reading Room Association of *Montreal*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

W. Simpson and A. R. Ward;

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Simpson* and *Abel R. Ward*, of the Village of *Smith's Falls*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Richards*, Mr. *Smith*, of *Durham*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Flint*, and Mr. *Morrison*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of F. Dupin and others, referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *François Dupin* and others, of the Parish of *St. François du Lac*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Pierre Cartier* and others, of *St. François du Lac St. Pierre*.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Drummond* and Mr. *Cartier* be added to the said Committee.

Petition of P. M. Bardy and others, committed.

Ordered, That the Petition of *P. M. Bardy*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act the several statutory provisions now in force for the regulation of Elections of Members to represent the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof.

Message from His Excellency.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, copies of communications from the Secretary of State and the Royal Engineer Department, on the subject of erecting an Observatory at the Port of *Quebec*.

Government House,
Montreal, 9th March, 1849.

Schedule.

1. Despatch from Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 26th March, 1847.—States that the erection of an Observatory at *Quebec* has been recommended for the purpose of communicating time accurately to the Shipping.—Considers that the expenses ought to be provided for by the Provincial Legislature.

2. Letter from Colonel *Holloway*, R. E., to Major

Campbell, 8th November, 1847.—Transmitting Estimates and Plans.

3. Letter from ditto to ditto, 1st June, 1848.—Requesting to be informed of the decision of the Provincial Government.

4. Despatch from Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 3rd August, 1848.—Instruments for the proposed Observatory will be furnished by Her Majesty's Government.

For the Documents accompanying the said Message, see Appendix (M.M.M.)

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Ordered, That the said Message, with the accompanying Documents, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, for any documents in the possession of the Government relating to the case of Mr. *Joseph Donegani*, of the City of *Montreal*, laid before this House, on the twenty-second ultimo, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Joseph Donegani.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate *L'Association Saint Jean Baptiste de Montreal*.

L'Association St. Jean Baptiste de Montreal Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Wednesday, the fourteenth instant.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Laws relative to the powers and duties of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, and for other purposes.

Quebec Trinity House Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Tuesday, the twentieth instant.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks.

Savings Banks Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee on that part of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, at the opening of the present Session, which relates to giving the Government such powers as may be necessary for the re-organization of the Provincial Debt, the creation of an efficient Sinking Fund, and the alienation of works of a purely local character; and also, to certain matters connected with the said Public Debt, and the keeping of the Public Accounts;

Public Debt.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, acquainted the House, That His Excellency having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Morrison* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Morrison* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.