

On Motion of Mr. Lagueux, a Committee was appointed to enquire into the expediency of encouraging Ship building in this Province.

The House in Committee to consider the expediency of opening a Road of Communication with Upper-Canada, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Saturday next.

The Order of the Day to consider the Petition of the British and Canadian School Society of Montreal, was postponed to Saturday next.

The House in Committee to consider of the improvement of the Bye-Road between St. Gregoire and Long Point, in the Township of Kingsley, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Saturday next.

MONDAY, 14th February.

Petitions from J. B. Taché and B. C. A. Gury, Esqrs. Commissioners appointed to hear witnesses on the Contested Elections for the County of Northumberland, praying to be excused from acting as Commissioners for urgent reasons stated in the said Petitions were presented to the House.

The Bill to regulate the Common of River du Loup, after receiving several amendments, having gone through in Special Committee, was referred to a Committee of the whole House on Friday next.

On Motion of Mr. Bourdages, an Instruction was given to the Committee on the Bill to appropriate a Lot of Ground in McGill Street in Montreal, for a Market place, to enquire whether the ground really belongs to His Majesty, and if it had not already been appropriated.

Mr. Assistant Secretary Montizambert delivered the following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor:—

1st Message recommending a revision of the Laws respecting Pilots and other matters connected with the improvement of the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

2d Recommending the payment of accounts due by the Commissioners of Internal Communication for the County of Dorchester to Benjamin Ecuyer.

3d With Copy and Extract of Presentments made by the Grand Jury of the District of Montreal representing the inefficiency of the Gaol of that District.

4th Recommending the renewal of the Act for the relief of Insane Persons and Foundlings, and also the Act which provides Houses of Correction in the several Districts in the Province, and that appropriations be made for the support of these establishments, and also for the discharge of such arrears as may be due for the last year.

Mr. Blanchet, from the Committee to appoint an Agent in the United Kingdom, reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill for this purpose, and the same was referred to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

His Excellency's Message relating to the support of Insane Persons, &c. with the Message relating to the Montreal General Hospital of the 9th instant, were referred to a Special Committee.

An Instruction was given to the Committee on the Bill from the Legislative Council to continue the Act for the summary trial of small causes, to enquire into the proper qualification of the Commissioners.

Mr. Bourdages moved to appoint a Committee to enquire into the conduct of P. Grisé, Esq. the Returning Officer for Richelieu—the Motion, on a division, was lost, yeas 9, nays 21.

The engrossed bill to incorporate the "Quebec Friendly Society."—The engrossed Bill "to continue the 57th Geo. III. to facilitate the administration of Justice in certain small matters mentioned in the Country Parishes."—The engrossed bill "to continue certain acts mentioned relating to the Militia of the Province"—and the engrossed bill to regulate and grant for a limited time certain fees to the Clerks of the Markets in the Cities of Quebec, Montreal and the Town of Three-Rivers"—were all read a third time, passed and ordered to the Legislative Council.

The Bill for the qualification of Justices of the Peace was ordered to be engrossed.

J. B. Lague's Bridge Bill was also ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill to regulate the practice of Physic, Surgery, &c. was, after a second reading, referred to a Special Committee.

TUESDAY, 15 February.

The Special Committee on the Bill to appropriate a certain lot of ground in McGill street, in the City of Montreal, for a public Market place, with an instruction,