

On motion of Mr. Wyer,

The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill to amend an Act made and passed in the tenth and eleventh years of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal all the Acts now in force for the support and relief of confined Debtors, and to make other and more effectual provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. Barlow in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and agreed to the same.

*Ordered*, That the report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Weldon,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Bill to authorize Ministers of Congregations dissenting from the Church of England, to solemnize Marriage in the Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Weldon, Mr. Simonds, Mr. Chandler, Mr. S. Humbert, and Mr. Hill be a Committee therefor.

Mr. Slason, pursuant to leave, brought in a Bill to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to prevent the destruction of Sheep by Dogs, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Which Bill was read a first time.

Mr. Wyer, pursuant to leave, brought in a Bill to alter and amend the Law for the regulation of the Herring Fisheries of the Island of Grand Manan, West Isles, and Campo Bello, so far as relates to Grand Manan.

Which Bill was read a first time.

Mr. End moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Gloucester, to make rules and regulations respecting the taking of Fish in the different Harbours, Rivers and Creeks, in the said County.

Leave granted.

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

Mr. Weldon moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to authorize the Justices of the Peace in General Sessions in this Province, to exempt the Acadian French from the assessment of Poor rates.

Leave granted.

Mr. Smith moved for leave to bring a Bill, to continue the Acts, to empower and authorize the Justices of the County of Westmorland, at their General Sessions of the Peace, to regulate the grazing and depasturing of the several Marshes, Low Lands or Meadows, within the said County.

Leave granted.

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

Mr. Barlow, by leave, presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, praying a Law may pass to prevent the inconvenience and delay in the administration of Justice in the said City; which he read.

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

Mr. Vail, by leave, presented a Petition from Rebecca Guiou, praying remuneration for teaching a School in the Parish of Sussex in King's County, for one year; which he read.

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

Mr. Barlow moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent inconvenience and delay in the administration of Justice in the City of Saint John.

Leave granted.

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

Mr.