

Wednesday, 16th January, 1839.*Prayers.*

Mr. Partelow, by leave, presented a Petition from Lydia Berry, a licenced School-mistress, in the Parish of Saint Martin's, and County of Saint John, praying that the usual allowance may be granted for her services in that capacity during the past year ; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received, and referred to the Select Committee appointed for the taking of such Petitions under consideration, to report thereon.

Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from John Wilson, James Rait, Harris Hatch, and 89 others, of the County of Charlotte, praying a Bounty may be granted to vessels employed in the Fisheries, as well as on Fish taken and cured ; and also that protection be afforded to persons engaged in the Fisheries from the encroachments that continue to be made on the fishing grounds by vessels from the United States ; which he read.

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

Mr. Owen, also by leave, presented a Petition from Wilford Fisher, James Chaffey, J. Snell, Esquires, and 181 others, of the Parishes of Grand Manan, West Isles, and Campo Bello, in the County of Charlotte, praying some Legislative provision for the encouragement of the Fisheries, as also protection from the encroachments which continue to be made on the fishing grounds by vessels of the United States ; and likewise that a regular Packet Boat be maintained between the Island Parishes and the main land, and for the establishment of Post Offices in the respective Parishes ; which he read.

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

Mr. Owen, also by leave, presented a Petition from John Pendlebury, of Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, praying to be compensated for repairs and improvements made to the Machias Seal Island Light House during the period he was Keeper of the said Light ; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received, and referred to the Committee on Light Houses.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston informed the House, that Alexander Rankin, Esquire, a Member returned for the County of Northumberland at the last General Election, was in attendance, and prayed to be admitted to his seat.

Ordered, thereupon, That the Honorable Mr. Johnston and Mr. Partelow be a Committee to attend the Commissioner with Mr. Rankin, and see him qualified.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, from the Committee appointed to attend the Commissioner with Mr. Rankin, reported that they had attended thereto, and that Mr. Rankin had taken the oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the declaration.

Whereupon Mr. Rankin took his seat.

Mr. Jordan, by leave, presented a Petition from George Knilands, a licenced Teacher, praying that the Provincial allowance may be granted for teaching a School at Loch Lomond, in the Parish of Portland and County of Saint John, for the period of nine months in the year 1835 ; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received, and referred to the Select Committee for taking such Petitions under consideration, to report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

Ordered, That the House do on Wednesday next go into Committee of the whole, in consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. Brown, by leave, presented a Petition from Donald Sinclair, John M'Leod, and 204 others, inhabitants of the County of Charlotte, praying that Lime and Plaster of Paris may be imported without being chargeable with the existing Provincial Duty ; and that an Act may pass imposing a duty upon Foreign Shingles imported into the Province ; which he read.

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

Mr.