

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 7th and 8th Days FEBRUARY, 1828.

(the Serjeant at Arms having been previously directed to go to the places adjacent, and require the immediate attendance of the Members, on the business of the House, and having reported that he had so done,) and twenty-eight Members being present, (exclusive of Mr. Speaker and Mr. R. Smith, the sitting Member,) and the doors having been locked, and all other measures taken prescribed by said Act, fifteen Members were ballotted for, when the following names were drawn, viz:--Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Shey, Mr. Bishop, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Parry, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Dimock and Mr. Poole.—Whereupon, Mr. Haliburton was named by the Petitioner, William O'Brien, to be added to those so chosen by lot, and Mr. Stewart was thereupon named by Mr. R. Smith, the sitting Member, to be also added thereto, and the names so drawn having been (pursuant to said Act, and in the manner thereby prescribed) reduced to seven, as follow, viz:--Mr. Shey, Mr. Bishop, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Heckman, Mr. J. Morton, and Mr. Ruggles, those seven Members last named, together with the said two Members nominated as aforesaid, were sworn at the Table, well and truly to try the matter of the Petition referred to them, and a true Judgment to give according to the evidence, pursuant to the provisions of said Act; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Select Committee do meet to-morrow morning, at ten of the clock, in the room of this Building, where the Supreme Court usually sits (which for this purpose shall be a Committee Room of this House) for the purpose of trying and determining the merits of the return of Mr. R. Smith, so as aforesaid taken this day into consideration.

Order for meeting of Committee on Hants Election

On motion of Mr. Young, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and respectfully to state, that this House being anxious to proceed, on an early day, to re-consider the system of Common School Education, are desirous of possessing what additional information may have been given during the last year, to His Excellency on the subject, by the Commissioners acting under the Law of 1826, and agreeably to the ninth Section thereof.

Committee to request information on the subject of Schools.

Ordered, That Mr. Young, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Stewart, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of William Salter, and others, Inhabitants of the Upper District of Cockmagnon, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying aid towards removing obstructions in a River at that Settlement.

Petition of William Salter

A Petition of James Quinlan, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying a bounty in aid of the Seal Fishery, by him commenced from this Port.

Petition of J. Quinlan

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at twelve of the clock.

Friday, 8th February, 1828.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for establishing a Public Market in the Town of Pictou, and the same was read a first time.

Bill for Public Market in Pictou

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the Clock.

Saturday,