
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
COMMITTEE ROOM,

Thursday, 2d March 1826.

PRESENT :

MESSIEURS *Viger, Heney, Bourdages, Quesnel, Neilson, Cuvillier and Vallières de St. Réal.*

Mr. *Vallières de St. Réal* called to the Chair.

Read the Order of Reference and the Acts therein mentioned.

Adjourned to the Call of the Chairman.

Monday, 13th March 1826.

PRESENT,—All the Members.

Your Committee have attentively considered the thirty-first and thirty-second Sections of the British Act of the Third *George* the Fourth, Chapter one hundred and nineteen, and have agreed upon the following Report:

The motive of Parliament for adopting the Provisions of these Sections, is that doubts have existed whether the Tenure of Lands holden in *Fief* and *Seigneurie* can legally be changed, and that it may materially tend to the improvement of such Lands, and to the general advantage, that such Tenures be changed in the manner mentioned in the Act.

The thirty-first Section permits Proprietors of Fiefs, holding of the King, to surrender them, and entitles them to obtain a fresh Grant of them in Free and Common Soccage, in like manner as Lands are now holden in Free and Common Soccage in *England*, subject to payment to His Majesty of a sum of money as a Comutation for the feudal Fines and other Dues, and to such conditions as to His Majesty or the Governor shall seem just and reasonable.