
Tuesday, 23rd July, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Com. of whole on
Cape Breton Court
Bill

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill relating to certain proceedings had and pending in the Supreme Court at Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Bill reported without
amendment

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill referred to them, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment—and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

To be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Pet. of Capt. Boole
for relief from Jail

A Petition of Thomas Boole, Master Mariner, was, by leave of the House, presented by the Hon. Attorney General and read, setting forth his being confined in the Gaol at Halifax, under a decree of the Court of Vice Admiralty, for damages and costs for an alleged assault upon a sailor, which he is unable to pay, and praying that a Special Act may be passed, to enable Petitioner to take the benefit of the Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, which do not extend to cases in the Vice Admiralty Court.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Fraser, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Hall, to examine into the merits thereof, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Report from Com. on
Expiring Laws

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee on the Expiring Laws; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

The Committee appointed to examine into and report on the Expiring Laws—do Report as follows:

That there does not appear to be any Law which will expire at this Session, excepting "the Act to revive and continue the Act to encourage the Seal Fisheries of this Province," which was passed in 1841, to continue for three years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly, and your Committee beg leave to report a Bill to continue the said Act until the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES D. FRASER, Chairman.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Bill reported to con-
tinue Seal Fishery
Act
Read 1st and 2d time
Committed

Mr. Fraser, also, from the same Committee, presented a Bill to continue the Act to encourage the Seal Fisheries—and the same was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Order of Day—
House go into Com.
on Despatches rela-
ting to Cape Breton

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the House resolved into a Committee on the consideration of the subject matter of the Despatches, and other papers, laid before the House yesterday by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in relation to the annexation of the Island of Cape Breton to this Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the same subject—which the House agreed to.

Ordered,