

*Ordered*, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

A Petition of *Olden Bass* and others, Inhabitants of Wilnot, was presented by *Mr. Millidge* and read, setting forth : that the Petitioners are great sufferers and involved in much distress from the destruction of their property and effects by accidental fire, which took place in their settlement in August last, and praying the House will take their case into consideration and grant such relief as to them may seem meet.

*Ordered* that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Speaker, by desire of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House, the copy of two reports from a Committee appointed by his Excellency, to take the subject of the Culture of Hemp in this Province into consideration ; and the same were read, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Papers do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had yesterday been pleased to appoint *Andrew Belcher, Esq*; one of the Members of this House, for the Town of Halifax, to be a Member of his Majesty's Council ; and, also, that *Thomas Lusby, Esq*; the Member for the Town of Amherst, was deceased, during the recess of the House ; thereupon

On Motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do make application to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that he will be pleased to direct a new Writ to be issued for the Election of a Representative for the Town of Halifax, in the room of *Andrew Belcher, Esq*; and also a new Writ for the Election of a Representative for the Town of Amherst in the room of *Thomas Lusby, Esq*.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Sergeant*, be added to the Committee of Public Accounts in the room of *Andrew Belcher, Esq*.

On Motion, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Then the House adjourned; till to-morrow at ten of the clock.

Friday, 12th June, 1801.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of *Mr. Wallace, Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of his Excellency's Speech respecting the culture of Hemp in this Province, and also such Papers as have, or may be laid before the House on the said subject ; and that they do report thereon to the House as soon as possible.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Wallace, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Crane, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Roach* and *Mr. Morris* be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of *John Reid* was presented by *Mr. Millidge*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner was appointed on the 20th September 1797, Inspector and Searcher for the County of *Annapolis*, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor ; that he has performed the duties of that Office, and also been at considerable expence in the execution thereof, for which he has received the sum of £.15. only and praying a further compensation.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Mr. Cochran*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the Security of Navigation, and preserving Shipwrecked Goods, &c. and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*,