

Hon J. C. POPE said he would much prefer seeing members in opposition, fairly and at once, rather than have the estimates and supply carped at by those who were supposed to be upon the Government side of the House.

The SPEAKER resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of the Committee reported progress, asking leave to sit again. Agreed to.

A Message from the Legislative Council was then brought in by the Clerk requesting that the Colonial Secretary might be allowed to attend and give evidence before them upon matters relating to the elections of members for the second district of King's County.

Hon Mr Longworth from the Special Committee appointed to report on every Private Bill, and to whom were referred a Bill to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Saint Peter's Bay, and a Bill to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Bay Fortune, to examine the same and report thereon—presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which being again read at the Clerk's table was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

"Your Committee appointed to examine and report on Private Bills, having under their consideration two Bills—namely, a Bill to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Saint Peter's Bay, and a Bill to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Bay Fortune—submit : That the said Bills are of a private nature ; but inasmuch as the fees upon Private Bills, more especially those relating to Church matters, have not heretofore been uniformly exacted by the House, your Committee recommend that the said Bills be exempt from such fees."

The Bills were received and adopted, and ordered to be read a second time during the afternoon sitting.

The House then adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SITTING.

FRIDAY, March 27.

The House again took up the consideration of private petitions. A number were disposed of, among which was the petition of the Georgetown Ferry Company.

Hon Mr McAulay supported the prayer of the petition ; it was highly deserving the consideration of this House. The boat purchased by the Company was not very fit for the service, but the whole grant of last Session should not be withheld on that account. He moved that the petition be referred to supply.

Several other hon. members expressed themselves on the subject, and Mr J. Yeo moved the following resolution, in amendment to Mr McAulay's motion :—

"Whereas the sum of Fifty Pounds was granted and placed at the disposal of the Government, during the last Session, in aid of a Steam Ferry Boat between Georgetown, Montague, and adjacent Rivers, provided said Steamboat be placed on the route and continue plying thereon, semi-weekly, during the opening of the navigation, and whereas the Steamer *Ino*, the boat placed on the route, did not perform the required service ; Therefore, resolved, that the petition of W. Aitken, W. Sanderson, and others for the above grant, cannot be entertained."

When the House divided on the motion of amendment, there appeared for it : Messrs J. Yeo, Howat, Sutherland, Sinclair, Walker, Conroy, McLennan, Montgomery, J. C. Pope, Thornton, Warburton, Laird—12.

Against it :—Messrs McAulay, Hensley, Coles, Kelly, Davies, Col. Secretary, Kaye, Gray, Green, Haslam, Duncan, Brecken, Ramsay, Howlan—14.

The main motion was then put and carried.

A petition of Henry Crawford, Minister, and others, members of the Presbyterian Church, Bay Fortune, was presented to the House by the Hon J. Hensley, and the same was received and read, praying for the passing of an Act of Incorporation. A special Committee was appointed to report on the petition by Bill or otherwise.

A memorial of James O. Cochran, Secretary of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Halifax, N. S., was presented to the House by the Hon Col. Secretary, and the same was received and read, setting forth that they have lately enlarged their accommodation for pupils, and offering to receive Deaf Mutes from this Island, provided the House shall think advisable to make provision for their maintenance. The memorial was laid on the table.

Hon Mr Hensley presented a petition of Fabien Doucett, and others, praying for an Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Banking Company. A Committee was appointed to report by Bill or otherwise.

The Marine Insurance Company Bill was read a third time and passed.

Hon Mr Hensley, from the special Committee on the petition of the Ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Bay, presented a Bill to incorporate the same, which was read a first time.

Several private petitions were then disposed of, and the House adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SITTING.

SATURDAY, March 28.

House again in Committee of Supply.

Some desultory debate took place on the grant for the Volunteers.

Mr. CONROY moved that it be disagreed to.

Hon Col GRAY would ask if the hon. member was prepared to give up the arms, worth some thousands of pounds, which the Colony had received solely on account of that movement, and to send a letter to the Queen saying that we would not defend our hearths and our homes. This money was not to pay the officers or men, but to keep the arms. This Colony, without a Volunteer force, was at the mercy of any and every privateer that might come into our harbours. £250 sterling a year, was not much for such an object.

Mr CONROY thought that the people of this country were more in need of Agricultural implements than fire-arms ; he would be willing to exchange the arms for such implements.

Hon COL. SECRETARY thought that the opposition to the grant rose solely from the belief that the Volunteers were all Orangemen. This was quite a mistake. The hon member from Tignish seemed to entertain a different opinion from Bishop Mullock, of Newfoundland, who, as it appears from the *Examiner* of the 11th September, 1860, made the following statement in an address to the Irish Volunteers :—

"I am delighted to see the Sons of Erin, here in this Island, practising the noble art of self-defence. Every free man has the right to bear arms, and I am sure the weapons you carry never will be used but in defence of your faith, your country, and your creed."

Hon Mr WARBURTON would also oppose the grant, notwithstanding what was said by the hon the leader of the Government. He did not much fear an attack on this Island as there was nothing to get here.

Mr SINCLAIR considered the vote served a good purpose, but thought a less sum would be sufficient. Much that was in the accounts for last year would not be required again.

Hon the SPEAKER thought he ought to reply, as all the money for the Volunteer service, expended for the last year, had passed through his hands. If the Volunteer movement was to be kept up in the Colony, he believed it could not be done for a less sum than £400 currency. We have now in the Colony some 1000 Volunteers, all more or less drilled. Drill-serjeants, however, were always required, and it was absolutely necessary to bring them from Halifax, as he believed there were only two in the Colony acquainted with the modern drill, and they could not go out into the country. He was only surprised, that with such a small grant here, we had been able to undertake so much. Our Island Volunteers had proved them-