

in General Fanning's House, that Mr. Stewart and other persons acted at various times as Clerks of the Council; he had not the Council Books since Governor Des Barres took the command except for a short time, when he took the command the Council Books were sent to examinant in a Trunk, who handed them to James Des Barres, Esq.

Then witness withdrew.

Mr. Serani, Deputy Clerk of the Council, then appeared at the Bar, and being examined, informed the House that he had not the Books that are deficient. He got the Books, he has got, from Mr. Palmer—Does not know of any Council Books now in existence but those he has got. Mr. Palmer told him that he saw a Book which the examinant has not got, and to the best of his recollection the book from the year 1784 to the year 1786; thinks Mr. Palmer had it in his own hand at the Supreme Court, does not know of any other Books being deficient, does not know of any thing at all of this to his own knowledge only by hearsay from Mr. Palmer, is not sure that there were ever any such minutes of Council as from the 6th February 1798 to the 9th June 1798. He always wished to make his duty his study, when the Council Books were delivered into his possession that no blame might hereafter be imputed to him, he thought it his duty to take a correct List of the Books, which he accordingly did, also that he should take a List of what he thought was deficient, knows nothing during that period whether there were any Council or not—he never troubled his head about it, received the Council Books from Mr. Palmer and at that time he made the List, Mr. Palmer said he saw several things in that Book concerning the Loyalist's Locations, it appeared to him they were in Mr. Palmer's possession as he had them in his own hands.

Witness was then ordered to withdraw.

Mr. RANKIN, obtained leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the harbouring Deserters from his Majesty's Navy or Army, and for giving a reward for apprehending Deserters, the same received a first reading.

Ordered, on Motion that Mr. Palmer Deputy Clerk of his Majesty's Council be requested to attend this House on Monday 13th day of August 1810, at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon, to give such information as he may be in possession of, relative to the deficiencies in the Council Books, and the Locations of Loyalist's Lands.

Ordered, on motion, That on Monday next Mr. Le Page be heard at the Bar of this House, either in person or by his Counsel, against the Insolvent Bill.

Ordered, on motion, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on Monday next, to take into consideration, and otherwise enquire, what steps have been taken relative to the Parliamentary grant of Three Thousand Pounds, on the subject of which several Resolutions appeared to be entered on the Journals of the House of Assembly.

A Message from his Majesty's Council by their Clerk, with the Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act, intituled "an Act to prevent the Malicious Killing, Wounding, or Maiming of Cattle," agreed to.

On leave given, Mr. HOLLAND presented a Petition from Francis Garobbo, praying for certain relief as therein stated, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On leave given, Mr. ROUBEL presented a Petition from John Stowe, a Prisoner for Debt in his Majesty's Gaol at Charlotte-Town, praying for Relief, which was read, and ordered to be laid upon the table.

Adjourned till Ten o'Clock Monday morning.

MONDAY AUGUST 13, 1810.

THE House met according to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The Speaker informed the House that he had received the following official communications from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, viz.:—

" Prince Edward Island, 11th of August, 1810.

" SIR,

" I BEG you will have the goodness to move and recommend for the serious consideration of the House of Assembly, the obvious necessity of providing for the Exigencies of the Militia, and the Deficiencies of the Sum required for the Public Buildings,