

Mr. Tibbits, by leave, presented a Petition from George Smith, John E. O'Brien, John Dunn, Thomas Forbes, and Edward Cullen, Freeholders of the County of Gloucester, against the return of the Sheriff of the said County of William End, Esquire, as a Member to serve in the General Assembly of the Province, and praying relief in the premises ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Read a third time as engrossed,

A Bill to revive and continue an Act to provide for the expenses of the Legislature.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Fisher take the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell,

Whereas it is considered that the Expenses and Contingencies of this House can be materially curtailed without detriment to the Public Service ; and whereas in the present embarrassed state of the Finances of this Province it is desirable to use the utmost economy ; therefore

*Resolved*, That there be a complete revision of the officials and attendants of this House, and the system of incurring liabilities for contingent and other expenses, and that a Committee of three be appointed to report on the subject to this House ; and

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Steadman, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. M'Clelan moved for leave to bring in—A Bill to repeal an Act relating to the Post Office, and make other provisions in lieu thereof.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first and second times.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Watters,

The House went into Committee of the whole on—A Bill to alter and amend the Laws relating to the Office of Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Saint John.

Mr. Lewis in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill before them, the first and only Section thereof was under consideration, and which is as follows :—

" 1. That the Lieutenant Governor in Council may at any time hereafter fix the Salary of the said Stipendiary Magistrate at a sum not less than three hundred pounds annually and not exceeding the sum of four hundred pounds annually, to be paid monthly as the Law now directs."

To which it was moved as an amendment—To expunge the whole of the said Section, and substitute as follows :—

" That the Common Council of the City of Saint John may at any time hereafter fix the Salary of the said Stipendiary Magistrate, and his associate Magistrates, to be paid monthly or daily as the Law now directs."

The question being taken upon the said proposed amendment, it was decided in the negative.

It was then moved—That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

And upon this question, it was carried in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted, and the further consideration of the said Bill accordingly postponed until next Session.

On motion of Mr. Steadman,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House copies of all Despatches forwarded to or received from the Colonial Secretary by His Excellency in any way relating to the dissolution of the late House of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Steadman, Mr. Sutton, and Mr. R. K. Gilbert, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

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