

Friday, 10th February, 1865.

(Documents from His Excellency the Governor.)

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Documents :—

Extract from Minute of Council, Monday 12th September, 1864, on the Confederation of the British North American Colonies.

Report of Resolutions adopted at a Conference of Delegates from the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the Colonies of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, held at the City of Quebec, 10th October, 1864, as the basis of a proposed Confederation of those Provinces and Colonies.

Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the Confederation of the British North American Colonies.

Report of the Delegates from this Colony to the Quebec Convention on the Confederation of the British North American Colonies.

(For which, see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the table.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents :—

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S Report upon the practicability of building a Breakwater at Portugal Cove.

Board of Works accounts for the year ending 31st Dec., 1864.

(For which, see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from William Jacob and Thomas Martin of Torbay, which was received and read, praying for a grant to enable them to rebuild their Fishing Room destroyed by a gale on the 20th December last.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole, upon the Bill to continue the Punishment of Banishment in certain cases.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. NOWLAN took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had passed the the Bill to them referred, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments, having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.