

The resolution contained in the said report is as followeth :

**RESOLVED**, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, " An Act to prevent the abuse of oppositions *afin d'annuller, afin de distraire,* and *afin de charge,*" be referred to a Committee of seven Members, five whereof shall form a quorum, to enquire if any and what amendments it may be necessary to make thereto; that the said Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon with all convenient speed.

On motion of Mr. *Papineau*, senior, seconded by Mr. *Bruneau* ;

**ORDERED**, that the question of concurrence be now put on the resolution of the Committee.

And the said resolution being again read, and the question put thereon, it was agreed unto by the House.

**ORDERED**, that Mr. *Viger*, Mr. *Borgia*, Mr. *Henry*, Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Debartzch*, Mr. *Bowen*, and Mr. *Papineau*, junior, do compose the said Committee.

A Petition of sundry Debtors, confined in the Gaol for the District of *Montreal*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. *Papineau*, senior, and the same was received and read :—  
**SETTING FORTH** :—That unexpected events, unfortunate occurrences, and the loss of property, has placed them in their present situation.—That, most unfortunately for them, the benign and wise law of bankruptcy, which, in England, not only releases the body from confinement, but exonerates the individual, together with the property which he may in future acquire, from any accountability, who surrenders all his effects for the benefit of his creditors, is not operative in this Province.—That, to the influence and encouragement of this philanthropic and excellent law, may be traced, in a great measure, the astonishing commercial enterprise of *Great Britain*, which has rivalled the whole world.