

Lacroix and
Bolduc.

Of *Pierre Lacroix*, and *Joseph Bolduc*, of *Quebec*, praying for a pension in consideration of their long services as messengers of the Legislative Council of the late Province of *Lower Canada*.

H. Robinson.

Of *Hezekiah Robinson*, and others, of the Counties of *Chambly*, *Rouville*, *St. Hyacinthe*, and other places, praying that the turnpike road constructed from *Longueuil* to *Chambly*, be continued to the village of *Granby*; and also that a bridge be built over the rapids of the River *Richelieu*, at *Chambly*.

Rev. C. P. Reid.

Of the Reverend *C. P. Reid*, and other Members of the Church of *England*, in the township of *Compton*, praying for an Act to regulate the Church Temporalities of the Diocese of *Quebec*.

G. Pemberton,
and others.

Of the Honourable *George Pemberton*, and others, Merchants of *Quebec*, praying for the remittance of one half the Timber Duties, the Petitioners having entered into engagements to pay it, in the full assurance that no alteration would take place in the system of the Timber Trade.

Censitaires.

Of certain Censitaires, in the Fiefs and Seigniories belonging to the late order of Jesuits, within the town and District of *Three Rivers*, complaining of the accumulation of arrears of Cens et Rentas and Lods en Ventes, and praying for relief.

S. Delong, and
others.

Of *Simon Delong*, and others, Inhabitants of the township of *Ameliasburgh*, praying that the prayer of the Petition for the establishment of a Survey, made by Mr. *Wilmot*, in the said township, be not granted.

Petitions
referred:
Rev. Ladies' Ur-
suline Convent.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend the Religious Ladies of the Ursuline Convent of *Quebec*, presented to the House on the sixteenth instant, be referred to a Special Committee to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Black*, Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Berthelot*, and Mr. *Taché*, do compose the said Committee.

Bonner and
Petrie.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Bonner* and *William Petrie*, of *Quebec*, presented to the House on the thirteenth instant, be referred to the said Committee.

Cobourg
Harbour.

Ordered, That the Petition of the President, Directors and Company, of the *Cobourg Harbour Company*, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *George S. Boulton*, of *Cobourg*.

Gore Bank.

Resolved, That the Petition of the President, Directors and Company, of the *Gore Bank*, presented to the House on the fifteenth instant, be referred to a Special Committee to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *L. M. Viger*, and Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, do compose the said Committee.

Mrs. Painchaud.

Resolved, That the Petition of Mrs. *M. G. P. Painchaud*, and other Ladies of *Quebec*, praying for an Act of Incorporation, be referred to a Special Committee to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parent*, Mr. *Berthelot*, Mr. *Moore*, Mr. *Black*, and Mr. *Aylwin*, do compose the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Petition of certain Censitaires, in the Fiefs and Seigniories belonging to the late order of Jesuits, in the town and District of *Three Rivers*, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred that part of the Petition of the Rev. *T. Cooke*, *S. B. Hart*, and others, Inhabitants of the District of *Three Rivers*, praying for the application of the Jesuits' Estates to the purposes of Education, in *Canada East*; and for the concession of the Lands of the Crown in the rear of the town of *Three Rivers*.

On motion of Mr. *Black*, seconded by Mr. *Child*.

Resolved.—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending the following Acts, passed during the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, that is to say; the Act intituled, "An Act for improving the administration of "Criminal Justice in this Province." The Act intituled: "An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws in this Province, relative to larceny and other offences connected therewith." The Act intituled: "An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws in this Province relative to "malicious injuries to property." And the Act intituled: "An Act for consolidating and amending the Statutes in this Province relative to "offences against the person;" in so far as relates to the time for which offenders may, under the said Acts, be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary in certain cases.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Williams* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Williams* reported, that the Committee had come to a resolution; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to enable the Courts, before whom offenders may be convicted, in certain cases, better to proportion the punishment of such offenders to the guilt of the offence, and to make Legislative provision accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Black* have leave to bring in a Bill for better proportioning the punishment to the offence in certain cases.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received, and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Saturday next.

Resolved.—That two Members be added to the Special Committee appointed to proceed to the enquiry on certain outrages, alleged as having occurred during the late general Election, in the Counties of *Terrebonne*, *Montreal*, *Vaudreuil*, *Beauharnois*, *Chambly*, and *Rouville*.

Ordered.—That the Honourable Mr. *Viger*, and Mr. *Aylwin*, be added to the said Committee.

Ordered.—That the Honourable Mr. *Neilson* have leave to bring in a Bill, to fix the places of Election in the several Counties in *Canada East*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Hamilton*, seconded by Mr. *Papineau*.

Ordered.—That the order of the day for the House in Committee to take into consideration the expediency of altering and amending the Judicature

Gaspé Judicature.