

a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

A Petition of George Henkel, of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying compensation for services performed by him as Health Officer for the Port of Annapolis, since the 14th August, 1799.

A Petition of James Eager and others, settlers on the new road leading from Annapolis to Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying a grant of Money for improving that part of the said Road which leads from the Settlement of Nictaur, to the Mill Brook, so called, a distance of 23 miles from the said settlement.

A Petition of Samuel V. Bayard, and others, Inhabitants of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying the aid of the Legislature, to alter and complete the road leading from Theodosious Palmer's to Edward Gouger's, in that Township, for the benefit of the public.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *ordered*, that three fair copies of the Bill for establishing Schools in the several Townships within this Province, be prepared for the use of the Members, and that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday the eighth day of December next.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Committee appointed to try the merits of the contested election for the Township of Annapolis, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee having heard the parties by their counsel, and examined the evidence laid before them, found the majority of votes to be in favor of the sitting Member. That the Petitioner claimed time to produce evidence, and establish the act of undue influence having been used by the sitting Member to obtain the Vote of one Jonathan Payson, which, if granted, the Committee is of opinion should be heard before the House; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that this House will, on Monday the 8th day of December next, hear the Petitioner, Edward Whitman, by his counsel at the Bar of the House, touching the charge of undue influence used by the sitting Member as above reported by the Committee.

A Petition of Francis Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Newport, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying the aid of the Legislature to enable them to alter and improve the main road leading from that Township to the Halifax road, and also for building a bridge over the Meander River, which would greatly benefit them in carrying their produce to market, and be otherwise advantageous to the public.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of John Henderson, Mason, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, in the month of July last, entered into a contract to build a stone Arch, and repair the Bridge at Sackville; that he had nearly completed the Arch, &c. when a violent flood of water, owing to heavy rains, swept away the wood work upon which the Arch was constructed, in consequence of which the whole work fell; and praying to be relieved from his contract, and, also, that the House would grant him such further relief as to them may seem meet; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Warwick, Mr.