

- Message.** A message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :
Mr. Speaker,
- Public Accounts Com.** The Council have appointed Mr. Brown, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Holmes, to be a committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to examine the public accounts.
And then the Messenger withdrew.
- Vesting bill read 2nd time.** The Bill to vest in the Board of Works certain public property was read a second time.
- Committed.** *Ordered*, That the bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Pet. as to drawbacks.** A petition of merchants of the city of Halifax was presented by Mr. Tobin, and read, praying that the minimum amount on which a drawback of duties is now obtainable may be reduced at least one half.
- Referred.** *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Pet. for a portion of school monies.** A petition of the board of school commissioners for the district of Stirling, was presented by Mr. Blackwood, and read, praying for a more just and equitable apportionment of the grant for educational purposes among the various boards within the province.
- Referred.** *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
- Com on bills.** On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee on bills :
Mr. Speaker left the chair,
Mr. Robertson took the chair of the committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
- Vesting bill reported.** The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to vest in the Board of Works certain public property, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment ; also, that they had further considered the bill for revising and consolidating the general Statutes of Nova Scotia, and had made progress in the consideration thereof.
- Report progress on Revised Statutes.** *Ordered*, That the bill reported without amendment be engrossed.
- Res. to admit Mr. James to lobby.** On motion of the hon. the Provincial Secretary,
Resolved unanimously, That Alexander James, Esquire, late Clerk of this House, be admitted to a seat below the gallery of the House during the progress of the debates.
- Order thereon.** *Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint Mr. James with the foregoing resolution.
- Election pet., South Colchester.** A petition of Samuel Rettie and John D. Nash, Esquires, was presented by Mr. Kaulback, and read, setting forth that at the last general election the petitioners, together with Adams G. Archibald and Francis Parker, Esquires, were candidates for the representation of the southern division of the county of Colchester in the General Assembly ; that the said Adams G. Archibald and Francis Parker, by themselves and their agents, friends, managers, partizans and others, were guilty of bribery before, during, and at the said election ; and that their return was procured by means of bribery and other corrupt practices, and praying that the election might be set aside for the causes aforesaid, and a new writ issued.
- Day appointed.** *Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of February, instant, at two of the clock, take into consideration the petition complaining of an undue election for the southern division of Colchester.

MEMORANDUM. In pursuance of chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, the notice thereby directed was given to the petitioners and to the sitting members.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at three of the clock.