

Mr. English, by leave, presented a Petition from Joseph Rideout, Samuel Dickinson, Murphy Giberson, and seventy one others, of the County of Carleton, praying for an alteration in the present system of granting Timber Licences ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee for taking into consideration the subject of the Lumbering Interests of the Province.

Mr. Gilbert moved for leave to bring in a Bill to vest all Mines and Minerals in the owner of the Soil.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented a Petition from Silvain Babino, of Shediack, in the County of Westmorland, praying remuneration for extra work performed under a Contract with the Commissioners for building the Wharf at that place ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to a Select Committee to report thereon ; and further

*Ordered*, That Mr. Botsford, Mr. Williston, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Read, and Mr. Ryan, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Williston, by leave, presented a Petition from John Fraser, Gauger and Weigher at Miramichi, praying compensation for his services the past year ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Trade to report thereon.

Mr. Lewis, by leave, presented a Petition from Dalton Bishop and others, Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Hopewell, in the County of Albert, praying to be remunerated expenses incurred in the support of a transient Lunatic in the year 1852 ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee on claims for the support of Emigrants to report thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Street moved for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Gaol Limits of the County of Northumberland.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Rice, by leave, presented a Petition from the Arestook Boom Company, praying for an extension of their Act of Incorporation ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. Rice moved for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Charter of the Arestook Boom Company.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Porter, by leave, presented a Petition from Robert Watson, Esquire, Deputy Treasurer at Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, praying for an increase of Salary ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Trade to report thereon.

Mr. Boyd, by leave, presented a Petition from the Reverend George F. Carey, Cochrane Craig, Esquire, Augustus Bancroft, and seventy others, inhabitants of Grand Manan, in the County of Charlotte, praying that all articles imported for the consumption and use of the Fisheries at that place may be exempt from Duty ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Trade to report thereon.

Mr. Kerr moved for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the South West Boom Company.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.