

WEDNESDAY, February 22, 1860.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of divers inhabitants of Fifteen Point Settlement was presented to the House by the Hon. Mr. Yeo, and the same was received and read, praying for a grant to open a road, and offering to surrender the land required for the purpose.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Mary Laurence, wife of Alfred Laurence, a soldier in Her Majesty's army in India, praying for aid towards the support of herself and child.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee appointed to report on every petition relating to paupers and lunatics, to examine the same and report thereon.

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the Committee appointed to examine and report on pauper petitions, to exercise more vigilance and caution in investigating the claims of parties applying for the bounty of the House; and this House would suggest to said Committee that no sum be granted to any individual whose necessities or claims cannot be vouched for by some honorable member of this House, or are not certified to by some minister or magistrate of the District; and that the gross amount granted, be so divided as to make a just distribution, according to the number and necessities of the cases.

Resolved, That a Law Clerk to this House be appointed.

Resolved, That Benjamin DesBrisay, Esquire, be appointed Law Clerk.

The hour appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to receive the Address of the House in answer to His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the present Session, having arrived; Mr. Speaker and the House went up,

And being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended upon His Excellency, and presented their Address, to which His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I return you my best thanks for the Address with which you have presented me.

For the assurance of your cordial support and co-operation to carry out the measures that are best calculated to promote the welfare of this Colony, I anticipate a session to which we shall be able to look back with feelings of entire satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Haviland have leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Bills of Lading.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Bill for the amendment of an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the twenty-first year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled 'An Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the estates of Intestates, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,'" was, according to order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. J. Yeo took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. J. Yeo reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto; and the report was again read at the Clerk's table.