

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

WEDNESDAY, 27th February, 1856.

Resolved,—That the Honorable John A. Macdonald, Attorney General for Upper Canada, having, in the course of debate last evening, charged Mr. George Brown, a Member of this House, while acting in 1848 as a Member and Secretary of the Commission appointed by Government to inquire into the condition of the Provincial Penitentiary :

First—With having recorded falsely the evidence of witnesses examined before the said Commission.

Second—With having altered the written testimony given by witnesses after their evidence was closed and subscribed.

Third—With having suborned convicts to commit perjury. And

Fourth—With having obtained the pardon of murderers confined to the Penitentiary, to induce them to give false evidence ; or in words substantially to the same effect.

And the said Honorable John A. Macdonald having pledged himself to substantiate these charges ; that a Committee of seven members be appointed to inquire and report with all convenient speed as to the truth of the said charges, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered—That

Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Masson,
Mr. Felton,
Mr. Clarke, and
Mr. Ferres.

do compose the said Committee.

TUESDAY, 6th May, 1856.

Ordered—That the Return relative to the proceedings of the Penitentiary Commission, presented this day, be referred to the said Committee.