

Legislature, for their welfare. That petitioners deeply regret the situation they are placed in, as regards the Merchant, Planter, and themselves, in the persons of Suppliers, Masters, and Servants, for the want of an established law to protect the trade of the colony, and recovery of the servants wages, as the recent case of "Nowlan v. M'Grath," fully sheweth; leaving the servant of the Planter at the mercy of the merchant for his hard-earned wages, if the funds of the Planter are not equivalent to the liquidation thereof. That petitioners beg the serious consideration of the House in framing such a bill as will enable the Fisherman to recover his wages when lawfully earned. That Petitioners beg also to call the attention of the House to the practice recently established by the Merchant towards the servant, causing him to take Goods in payment of his wages, when ready money was the understood mode of payment. That Petitioners humbly beg to press this on the honorable House, that in the framing of the said bill, this injurious system of payment may be abolished. That petitioners beg to lay before the honorable House the exorbitant charges of the merchants for berths in their sealing vessels, hoping that such charges may be so modified by the House as to leave some remuneration to the hardy Sealer for the perils of this, the most staple trade of the Colony.

*Ordered*,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

To lie on the table

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Doyle,

*Resolved*,—That one hundred copies of the said petition be printed for the use of the Members.

Mr. Moore having been repeatedly called to order by Mr. Speaker, subsequently rose to present a petition, and then made use of the following words, which were ordered to be taken down, "I hold in my hand the petition of Fishermen, and I suppose that's the reason I am ordered to sit down."

Moved by Mr. Kent, seconded by Mr. Nugent,

That the words used by the hon. Member for Trinity are grossly insulting to Mr. Speaker and the whole House.

Which being put, the House divided thereon as follows,—

For the motion,

Against the motion,

Mr. Nugent

Mr. Moore

— Kent

— O'Brien

— Winsor

— M'Carthy

— Doyle

— Butler

So it passed in the affirmative, and resolved accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Kent, seconded by Mr. Nugent,

*Resolved*,—That the hon. member for Trinity be directed by Mr. Speaker to explain his observations, and then withdraw.