

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, relating to the Judicature in the Inferior District of St. Francis, was according to order read a second time, and referred to a Special Committee.

The House resolved itself into Committee, on His Excellency's Message relating to the estimate of the expenses of the Civil Government of Lower-Canada, for the year 1825; reported progress, and moved for leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker submitted to the house a letter from Mr. Hamel, Advocate, relating to the Northumberland Election, and on motion of Mr. Lagueux it was resolved, "that the Electors who petitioned against the last election of the County of Northumberland be permitted to discontinue all further proceedings relating thereto on payment of costs."

On motion of Mr. Simpson it was resolved that an humble address he presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to order to be laid before the House, a statement of the sum paid into the Chest since the 10th Oct. last, on account of the Revenue of the year ending at that date, on the sum remaining due on the reserve to the same date and the actual balance in the Chest.

An instruction was given to the committee on the estimate of the Expenses of the Civil Government to enquire into the subject of the above address to the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Vallières presented a report from the Commissioners appointed to take evidence in the contested election of Mr. Young for the Lower Town of Quebec, which was referred to a special committee.

The engrossed bill "to extend the provisions of a certain Act mentioned with respect to purchasers of real property sold at Sheriffs' Sales," was read a third time, passed and ordered to the Council.

The house in Committee on the report of the committee relating to the Lachine Canal, came to the resolution on a division of yeas 19, nays 5, to empower the Commissioners to effect a loan not exceeding 30000*l*. to complete the said canal, and Mr. Quesnel introduced a bill for that purpose.

The House in Committee on the report of the Committee relative to the Montreal Gaol, resolved:—

"1. That the present Gaol is insufficient, and that it is necessary a new one should be erected.

"2. That an address be presented to His Excellency, praying he would be pleased to permit the appropriation of the Government Garden at Montreal for the erection of the said Gaol thereon, and give directions that Plans, Estimates and Statements of the probable expenses thereof be prepared in order to be laid before the House at the next Session of the Legislature."

"3. That a sum not exceeding 200 Currency be placed at the disposal of His Excellency, to enable him to cause the said Plan, to be prepared &c."

The house passed thirteen resolutions providing for the support of Insane and Foundlings in this Province.

On motion of Mr. Taschereau, the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council to amend an act relating to the Judicature of the Inferior District of St. Francis, was referred to a special committee.

TUESDAY, 8th March 1825.

A message was brought from the Legislative Council acquainting the House that they had passed the following Bills:

An Act to continue certain acts therein mentioned relating to the Militia of this Province.

An act to make further provision for the Salmon Fisheries in the Bay of Gaspé, and in certain parts of the county of Northumberland and to repeal in part a certain act therein mentioned.

The House resolved into the Committee on the report of Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of divers merchants and inhabitants of the city of Montreal relating to the Trinity House and other references, and reported a resolution which was concurred in by the House.

The House resolved itself into Committee on the message of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, relating to claims of Benjamin L'Ecuyer; and reported a resolution.