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Ordered, That Mr. Yule, Mr. J. M. Viger, Mr. Barthe, the Honourable Mr. Viger, and Mr. Simpson, do compose the said Committee.

Inhabitants of
Ameliasburgh.

Resolved, That the Petition of Robert C. Wilkins, and others, of the Township of Ameliasburgh, in the Prince Edward District, presented to the House on the twelfth instant, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs Roblin, Cartwright, and McLean, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Bytown Lands.

Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. D. McDonald, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence from the Colonial Office, on the Ordnance Department in Canada, or England, together with the replies thereto; and also a copy of any Report made by Commissioners, touching the tenure of the lots of land in Bytown, purchased by the late Lord Dalhousie, on behalf of the Government.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Niagara Con-
tested Election.

Mr. Hale, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Robert Melville and John McBride, Electors of the Town of Niagara, complaining of the undue election and return of Edward Clarke Campbell, Esquire, sitting Member for the said Town of Niagara, reported to the House that the Committee met this morning, at ten o'clock, and were obliged to adjourn, without proceeding to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. Quesnel, a Member of the said Committee, without leave of the House.

Monetary affairs.
Commercial
distress.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, to take into consideration the monetary affairs of the Province, and particularly to enquire into the commercial distress now so generally prevalent—to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. Duggan, the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Dunlop, the Honourable Mr. Hincks, Mr. Johnston, Mr. J. M. Viger, Mr. DeWitt, and Mr. Papineau, do compose the said Committee.

Fines appro-
priation Bill.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the appropriation of Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, being read:

Ordered, That the said order of the day be postponed until Monday next.

Judges' Inde-
pendence Bill.

A Bill for better securing the independence and uprightness of the Judges, was, according to order, read a second time.

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Special Committee to report thereon, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. Aylwin, Mr. Lafontaine, Sir Allan N. McNab, the Honourable Mr. Baldwin, and the Honourable Mr. Viger do compose the said Committee.

Then on motion of the Honourable Mr. Viger, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Hincks,
The House adjourned.

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THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

16 Petitions
brought up.

By the Honourable Mr. Neilson, the Petition of the Reverend the Religious Ladies of the Ursuline Convent of Quebec; and the Petition of Augustin Blackburn, and others, Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Etienne de la Malbaie, County of Saguenay.

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of Thomas McGoey, and others, interested in the Lumber Trade.

By Mr. Moore, the Petition of C. M. Hyndman, of Sherbrooke.

By Mr. Thorburn, the Petition of Walter Wilson, and others, Inhabitants of the town of Niagara.

By the Honourable Mr. Harrison, the Petition of the District Council of the Midland District, relating to the powers and duties of District Councils, &c.; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Midland District, relating to roads between Lake Ontario and the Ottawa; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Midland District, relating to macadamized roads; and the Petition of the Mayor and Common Council of Kingston.

By Mr. Harmannus Smith, the Petition of Stephen Jones, and others, of the township of Saltfleet.

By Mr. J. M. Viger, the Petition of H. C. Chandler, and others, Inhabitants of the Municipal District of Nicolet.

By Mr. Parent, the Petition of Mrs. M. G. P. Painchaud, and other Ladies of Quebec, for an Act of incorporation; the Petition of Mrs. M. G. P. Painchaud, and other Ladies, of the City of Quebec, for an aid; the Petition of C. P. Huot, of the Parish of St. Paul's Bay; the Petition of C. P. Huot, and J. M. Patrin, of the Parish of La Baie St. Paul, District of Quebec; and the Petition of the Honourable M. P. De Sales Laterriere, and others, Inhabitants of the County of Saguenay.

Pursuant to the order of the day the following Petitions were read:

Of William Phillips, and others, landed proprietors of the District of Nicolet, praying that the District town be placed in a more central part of the District.

Inhabitants of
Nicolet.

Of Henry Smith, Warden and Principal Superintendent of the Provincial Penitentiary, praying for an equivalent in lieu of the use of convicts as servants, of which he has been deprived.

Warden of
Penitentiary.

Of Nicholas Sparks, of Bytown, praying that the House may cause to be restored to him certain property of which he has been unjustly dispossessed by the Ordnance Department.

N. Sparks.

Of P. L. Fraser, and others, freeholders of the Ottawa District, praying that they be allowed to redeem certain lands seized by the Sheriff for arrears of taxes.

Freeholders of
Ottawa.

Of the President, Directors and Company, of the Bank of Upper Canada, praying that they may be allowed to increase their capital stock.

Bank of Upper
Canada.

The Petition of Charles Symmes, Esquire, of Aylmer, one of the Candidates at the late Election for the County of Ottawa, complaining of the undue Election and Return of D. B. Papineau, Esquire, being read, Mr. Cameron moved, seconded by Mr. Forbes, That the time for receiving the said Petition, be extended to the first of October next, in consideration of the prevailing opinion that the controverted Election Law of Lower Canada had expired.

Chas. Symmes,
Esq.

The question being put upon the said motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth.

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