

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1833.

AN engrossed Bill for raising a Revenue was read a third time.

Resolved,—That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on all Wines and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other Spirituous Liquors imported into this Island, and its Dependencies.”

Ordered,—That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to regulate the cutting of ice in the different harbours was read a second time.

Resolved,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. PACK, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent dangerous quantities of Gunpowder being kept within the town of Carbonear; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved,—That the Bill be read a second time.¹

Mr. POWER, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition from SLADE, ELSON & Co., THOMAS CHANCEY, and GOSSE, PACK & FRYER of Carbonear, which was received and read, setting forth,

That, if the House should think proper to pass a Gunpowder Bill for the said town, the Petitioners are satisfied to give up to the use of the Public their Magazines for the term of five years from the passing of any such Act, on any terms of rent which the Legislature shall conclude upon for barrels, half-barrels and quarter-barrels of Gunpowder deposited therein; and further, that if the inhabitants should in the mean time build a Magazine at the distance which may be pointed out by Law for the use of the town, the Petitioners would be perfectly satisfied to relinquish any claims upon the Public for their Magazine from that period.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Bill to guard against accidents by Fire, was read a second time.

Resolved,—That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

A Bill to limit the duration of the present and all future Assemblies of this Island, was read a second time.

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. THOMAS, pursuant to leave given, pre-

sented a Petition from WILLIAM JOHNSTON and others, inhabitants of the town of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,

That the Petitioners view with increased alarm the dreadful consequences which may ensue to the said Town and to the Inhabitants of the Colony at large from fire taking place during a high wind, and especially in the winter season, which it might be out of the reach of human power to put a stop to, until the whole should have been consumed, while the houses continue to be built of wood. That the space of ground now laid waste presents a favourable opportunity for such improvements as may prevent the recurrence of such heart-rending scenes as the Petitioners have frequently been called to witness. The Petitioners feeling confident that it is fully within the power of the House to guard against evils of such vast magnitude occurring in future, most humbly pray that the House will be pleased to enact, that all buildings in future in the line of Water-street shall be erected of stone or brick walls, and be covered with slates or other incombustible roofs, except such buildings whose uprights shall not exceed in height eight feet, and stores built over the water unconnected with the buildings in the street by a space of ten feet: provided also, that these if they be built of wood shall be covered both on the sides and roof with tin or other incombustible material. And as necessary to the future stability and prosperity of the town that it be further enacted, that all leases for the erection of such buildings as aforesaid shall not be of shorter duration than forty years.

Resolved,—That the said Petition be referred to a select Committee to examine and report thereon, with power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered,—That Mr. THOMAS, Mr. KENT, Mr. KOUGH, Mr. HOYLES, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. PACK, and Mr. CARTER, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Ordered,—That the Petition be printed.

Mr. KOUGH, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide an efficient Watch for the town of St. John's, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved,—That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday next, at twelve of the Clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1833.

MR. BENNETT reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Johnston and others Inhabitants of the Town of St. John's, praying that an Act may be passed to prevent the future erection of wooden buildings on the line of Water-street in the said Town, and thereupon presented

A Bill to regulate the future erection of Houses on Water-street in the Town of St. John's; and the same was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be printed.

On motion,

Resolved,—That Mr. THOMAS have leave to withdraw the Bill presented by him on Saturday last, to regulate the building of wooden Houses in the Town of St. John's.

A Bill to annex Petty Harbour and certain other places to the District of St. John's, was read a second time.

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.