

the duty of Ten per Cent, has been exacted ; that the said duty operates to discourage the industrious pursuit of the Petitioners, and praying relief.

A Petition of *John B. Butler*, was presented by *Mr. M'Monagle*, and read, setting forth ; that the Petitioner is much injured by a new public Road, lately laid out through his Lands at *Windsor*, leading to the Bridge erected over the river *Avon*, from the inadequate compensation allowed to him for the same ; and also having now two public Roads running through his said Property, and praying relief.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Order of the Day being read,

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill for regulating the several Markets in the Town of Halifax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

*Mr. Millidge* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report to this House, that it was the opinion of the Committee that the said Bill should be referred to a special Committee to be appointed by the House for that purpose, which report the House agreed to ; and thereupon,

On Motion, resolved, That the said Bill be referred to *Mr. Tonge*, *Mr. Chipman*, *Mr. Lovett*, *Mr. Roach*, and *Mr. Wallace*, who are to take the same into consideration and make such alteration and amendment therein as to them shall seem expedient ; and, further that the said Committee do enquire into the present state of the Old Market-House in Halifax, as well respecting the private rights of any person to the same, as otherwise, and report thereon to the House.

A Petition of *Nicholas Mosher* was presented by *Mr. Tonge*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner was contractor for building the Bridge, over the River *Avon*, between *Windsor* and *Falmouth* ; that the event has shewn, that the Petitioner was better acquainted with the performance of his undertaking, than the calculation of the expence, as the Bridge has stood two winters, and proved of great public utility, while the sum he engaged for has fallen far short of an adequate compensation for his expence and trouble ; and praying relief.

A Petition of *Daniel Welch*, was presented by *Mr. Fulton*, and read, setting forth ; that the Petitioner's Father, settled on a Tract of ungranted Land, called the *Grand Passage* in the Bay of *Fundy*, under a promise of obtaining a Grant for the same, from Government. That after his said Father had made improvements thereon for 14 years, to the value of £.300 and upwards, he died suddenly ; that about two years after that event, the said Property was taken possession of by several Loyalists, who obtained a Grant of the Land, whereby the Petitioner has been deprived of his right, under the promise so made to his Father, and praying relief.

A Petition of *David Hunty*, was presented by *Mr. Morton*, and read, setting forth ; that the Petitioner, has, with much labour and expence, made useful experiments in raising Wheat, by the Horse, Hoe, or drilling method ; that the Petitioner is desirous of benefiting the Public by his exertions and experiments, and praying the pecuniary aid of the House, to carry the same into effect.

A Petition of *Thomas Baker*, was presented by *Mr. Dimock*, and read, setting forth ; that the Petitioner suffers great damage by the new Road, lately opened round the *Ardois Hill*, passing through his Land, and for which he has not yet received any compensation, and praying relief.

A Petition of *Christian Miller*, Sheriff of the County of *Sydney*, was presented by *Mr. Campbell*, and read, setting forth ; that the Petitioner is in advance the sum of £.