

become its President,) the petitioners have at a considerable expence converted the Theatre into a temporary School, capable of containing eight hundred Children, in which three hundred and eighty-five have been received, and are educated in reading, writing and arithmetic, and the Girls in the useful arts besides of needle work, and the Scholars are rapidly increasing, and of the numbers in the School, thirty-seven are Black Children. That in the Buildings necessary to fit up the School, and in the Purchase of Slates, &c. the petitioners have expended nearly eight hundred pounds, and have engaged a Master to superintend at an annual Salary of two hundred pounds, and a Mistress at fifty pounds. That it is calculated that the annual expence requisite to keep up the Establishment, cannot be less than four hundred pounds, including the Salary of the Master and Mistress, purchase of Fuel, of Books, &c. and incidental repairs to the Building. That for further and fuller information respecting the nature and object of the Institution, the petitioners beg leave to refer the Members of this Honorable House to a view of the School, which is at all times open for the inspection of those who may be pleased to honor it with their visits, and to whom it may be more circumstantially explained by *Walter Bromley, Esq.* late Paymaster of the 23d or Royal Welsh Fusilier Regiment, who, under the Patronage of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, introduced this new System into this Province, and who has generously, and without any Salary or reward, afforded his unremitting attention and exertions in its establishment, and progress. That the petitioners, in the persuasion that this Honorable House will be sensible of the benefits of the Institution to which they thus solicit their attention, beg leave to entreat, such pecuniary aid towards its support and continuance, as to them, in their wisdom shall think fit to bestow.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the Table.

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of new Lands; and also the Bill to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 50th year of his Majesty's Reign, to encourage the Fisheries of the Province: and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr.