

Petitions presented.

ferring degrees in Arts and in Divinity may be granted to Bishop's College, in the Diocese of *Quebec*, and that the annual grant to the said Institution may be increased;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Portneuf*, praying for the abolition or reduction of the taxes or rates imposed upon persons navigating the *St. Lawrence* at the Port of *Montreal*;

And also, a Petition from the Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of the said Institution.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*, praying for the Amendment of the Municipal Act; for the Extension of the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts; for the Abolition of the Courts of Chancery and Common Pleas; for vote by ballot; for an Elective Legislative Council; for the extension to the Municipal Councils of the power of issuing Tavern, Shop and Distillery Licenses; and for a Reduction in the Annual Public Expenditure of the Province.

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

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Narcisse Thibodault* and others of the Parishes of *Lotbinière*, *St. Jean D'Eschaillons* and *St. Croix*, praying for such Amendments in the Laws regulating the *Montreal Harbour* and the *Chambly Canal* as may relieve the Owners and Masters of River Craft from the payment of exorbitant dues, and admit of their arriving and departing, loading and unloading at all hours of the day;

Also, a Petition from *Bazile Demers* and others of the Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, praying for a remission of *cens et rentes* accrued upon lands in that Seigniorship;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Auclair* and others of the Parish of *St. Marie de la Nouvelle Beauce*, praying for certain Amendments in the Laws regulating Taverns and Tavern Licenses;

Also, a Petition from *William Patton* and

others, Ship Owners and Ship Captains of the District of *Quebec*, praying for the Repeal of so much of the Act 12 Vic. cap. 114, as obliges Masters of Vessels navigating the *St. Lawrence* on voyages between parts in British *North America* to employ Pilots.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *P. H. Jean* and others of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Pointe Lévi*, praying for certain Amendments in the Laws regulating Taverns and the granting of Tavern Licenses.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes."

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Joint Stock Manufacturing Companies' Bill presented.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented to the House, a Bill intituled, "An Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Council of this Province."

Legislative Council Independence Bill presented.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented to the House, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and simplify the laws relating to the interest of money."

Interest of Money Bill presented.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Librarian be referred to the Select Committee appointed to report on the state and condition of the Library.

Librarian's Report referred to the Select Committee on the Library.

*Ordered*, That one hundred and fifty copies of the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, in answer to the Speech from the Throne, together with His Excellency's reply thereto, be forthwith printed and published in both languages for the use of Members.

The Address in answer to the Speech, and His Excellency's Reply, to be printed.

Pursuant