

And then the said Petition was received and read;—**SETTING FORTH**:—That by different Acts of the Provincial Parliament, the sum of nineteen thousand six hundred pounds, hath been appropriated for erecting a Gaol in the City of *Quebec*.—That the Commissioners, by their Treasurer, have up to this date received eighteen thousand four hundred pounds of said sum, which, with an annual salary of two hundred pounds, paid by Warrants, to the Clerk and Treasurer of the Commissioners, for five years, and of one hundred pounds per annum subsequently, has nearly absorbed the whole appropriations.—That the amount paid under orders of the Commissioners, is eighteen thousand three hundred and ninety-five pounds, four shillings and four pence, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands, of four pounds, fifteen shillings and eight pence, currency.—That sundry claims having been made by Messrs. *Cannon & Sons*, Masons, for what they termed extra work performed, (and which were not in the contemplation of the Petitioner at the time he made the estimate of the sum requisite, when he heretofore, in conjunction with the other Commissioners, applied to the Legislature,) the Petitioner deemed it his duty to resist the same, and was sued by the said *Cannon & Sons*, conjointly with *M. A. Berthelot Dartigny*, Esquire, another of the Commissioners.—That the Judgment of the Court of King's Bench, has condemned the Petitioner, together with the said *M. A. Berthelot Dartigny*, Esquire, in their quality of Commissioners, to pay to the said *Cannon & Sons*, the sum of one thousand and fifty pounds, being near six hundred pounds less than claimed by them, but full four hundred pounds more than the Petitioner considered to be due.—The other claims exist against the Commissioners, as stated in the annexed Schedule.—Wherefore the Petitioner respectfully prays, that the House may be pleased to take their case into consideration, and grant such sum as may be requisite to discharge these demands.—The Petitioner further considers it his duty to state, that from the insufficiency of the materials used, and the bad workmanship in several instances, (over which he had no controul,) the Gaol is now in much need of repairs, and will get daily more and more so, if a remedy is not provided.

Mr. *Vanfelson* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Déligny*, that the said Petition be referred to a Committee of five Members, to examine