

Sheriffs in the Courts of Civil Jurisdiction in this Province, to regulate their duty, and the security to be by them given.

Mr. *Cuthbert* from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of divers Citizens of the District of *Montréal* relative to Slaves, with the papers thereunto annexed, as also the one on the same subject presented to this House the 19th of April of the last year, reported, that the Committee had examined the contents and matter thereof, and had directed him to report their opinion thereon to the House—and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the table, where it was again read by the Clerk ; and the same is as follows :

RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that there are reasonable grounds for passing a Law to regulate the condition of Slaves, to limit the term of Slavery, and prevent the further introduction of Slaves in this Province.

RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Chairman move the House, that leave be given to the said Committee to bring in a Bill accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Cuthbert*, seconded by Mr. *Berthelst*,

ORDERED, that the question of concurrence be now separately put upon the resolutions as reported.

Accordingly the said Resolutions were again read; and the question of concurrence being severally put thereon, they were agreed unto by the House.

RESOLVED, that the said Committee have leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose aforesaid.

A Petition of divers inhabitants of the Captons of *St. Esprit* and *St. Pierre*, in the Seigneurie of *Berthier*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. *Cuthbert*, and the same was brought up and read with the paper thereunto annexed.

SETTING FORTH.—That they have, by Petition, frequently exposed the