

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to make provision for Wives and Children, deserted by their Husbands and Parents, and for aged persons deserted by their Children, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the Bill do pass, and be entitled an Act to make provision for Wives and Children deserted by their Husbands and Parents, and for aged Persons deserted by their Children.

Ordered,—That the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL and Mr. Whiteway do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the subject of a Confederation of the British North American Provinces.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further Consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day, to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at three of the clock.

Tuesday, 21st February, 1865.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a return of duties collected at Harbor Grace, in the years 1862, 1863, and 1864.

(For which, see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said Document do lie upon the Table.

Mr. RORKE presented a Petition from William Burke and others, of Victoria Village, which was received and read, praying for a grant to complete the road through that settlement.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. KAVANAGH presented a Petition from Gregory Duggan and others, of Broad Cove, which was received and read, praying for a grant to complete the road joining the Portugal Cove road.