

rected by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have passed a bill intituled "an act in addition to and amendment of an act made and passed in the 59th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the 3d, intituled an act to limit the duration of the Terms of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and for other purposes therein mentioned:" also,

A bill intituled "an act to confirm certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in Prince Edward Island:" to which they pray the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

On motion, the said bill intituled "an act to confirm certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in Prince Edward Island," received the first reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Lieut. Governor's messages.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have agreed to the bill intituled "an act to amend an act made and passed in the 43d year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act to amend an act, intituled an act to prevent the running at large of Rams, at improper seasons," without any amendment.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 6th, 1827.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Lieut. Governor's Messages.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that the Committee having taken into consideration the com-

munication made to the House by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, touching the expenditure of the money appropriated during the last session of the General Assembly for Roads and Bridges, and also the several plans and surveys submitted at the same time to the House of Assembly, respecting Roads and Bridges, reports as follows:

That it be recommended to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, that in all Bridges hereafter to be built, it is expedient, that the space to be built or bridged with timber, be reduced to the smallest possible compass, and that the Stream or River, in every instance where it can be accomplished with due economy, be bridged in the manner of an *Abbateaux* of earth and bushes—the durability of the latter being so much greater than the wooden bridge, and it being desirable to avoid as much as possible, the constant expence of repair attending bridges built of timber, and that no contract may ever be entered into for building Bridges, without first ascertaining how much of the Stream or River may be made passable by an *Abbateaux*, and how much by a wooden bridge; and the committee is of opinion, that a material saving of the public money may arise from a due attention to this suggestion.

That this committee is of opinion, that both as relates to Roads and Bridges, the contracts may admit of more precision than has heretofore prevailed, both in the mode of framing them, as to their legal efficacy, and in the specifications of the manner in which the work is to be done; and it begs leave to report, that this last observation is more immediately applicable to the Bridges, in the construction whereof there appears yet much room for improvement. While your committee offers these suggestions it does so in the full belief that his Excellency the Lieut. Governor has at all times exercised his best endeavours to promote the judicious and economical expenditure of money in this important branch of the public service.

The committee has examined Mr. Townshend's plan of a new line of road from the head of the Hillsborough River to the head of St. Peter's Bay, and is desirous that a survey may be made so as to ascertain the nature of the Country between the Hillsborough and the Morrell, between the Morrell and the Moree River, between the latter and the Midgell River, and between that and the head of St. Peter's Bay, and the practicability of a good line of road being there obtained, which your committee suggests, should be forthwith done—and until this shall be done, your committee is of opinion that the Midgell Bridge ought not to be rebuilt, and that meanwhile it be recommended to his Excellency to grant a free license to a person keeping a ferry at Midgell, or any such further encouragement as may to his Excellency seem requisite—but at same time the committee recommends that a bridge over the river entering St. Peter's Bay be built, at such height above the site of the late bridge, as may appear to the Lieut. Governor and the Council the most practicable and economical—keeping always in view the suggestion of the committee, hereinbefore mentioned, of reducing the wooden structure of the bridge to the smallest practicable compass.

Your committee further reports, that it has taken into consideration the Lieut. Governor's communication to the House, respecting the site of the Bridge over the Hillsborough, near Mount Stewart, and is of opinion, that a bridge there is necessary; and that what is called the Red Bank is the part of the river where such bridge ought to be built; and