

Mr. *Young* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Menut*, that the word "*Monday*," be struck out and the word "*Wednesday*," inserted in its place.

The House divided upon the question,

Yeas	13
Nays	14

So it passed in the negative.

And the main question being put, it was agreed unto the House.

RESOLVED, that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the Town and District of *Three Rivers*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by the Honorable Mr. *Justice De Bonne*; and the same was received and read—

SETTING FORTH—That the subscribers, Citizens and Inhabitants of the Town and District of *Three Rivers*, have the honor most respectfully to represent, that several years experience hath demonstrated to them and established the frequent losses which the Public in general, and more especially the trade of this District, hath experienced by the six month Terms of the Court of King's Bench for civil Jurisdiction within the same.

That the rules of practice adopted by His Majesty's Courts in this Province, at the same time that they hold out to the Plaintiffs ample means to discuss and preserve their Rights, cannot prevent the defendants from employing all lawful means to put off a final decision of the case, whenever their interests may suggest the expediency thereof, until the following term.

That it must appear evident to the House, that in consequence of a defendant's default, taken out after the first eight days term-time and from the discussion of the different exceptions, whereof he may avail himself, it becomes impossible that a final Judgment can be obtained without