

On motion of Mr. Allen,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine what Laws have lately expired or are near expiring, and report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Allen, Mr. Chandler, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

The House, according to the Order of the Day, went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of His Honor the President's Speech, at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Hayward in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Hayward, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the matter referred to them, and passed two Resolutions, which he read; and they being handed in at the Clerk's Table, were there again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow:—

1. "Resolved, That it is expedient that the paragraph in His Honor's Speech which relates to the Roads of Communication through the Province, be referred to a Select Committee, to report thereon to the House."

2. "Resolved, That it is highly expedient that that part of His Honor's Speech, which calls the attention of the House to the subject of a Penitentiary, be referred to a Select Committee, who shall be instructed to make diligent inquiry, and report the result to the House."

*Ordered*, that Mr. End, Mr. Cunard, Mr. Weldon, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Vail, Mr. S. Humbert, Mr. Clinch, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Miles, and Mr. Allen, be the Committee to take under consideration the subject relative to Roads, communicated in His Honor's Speech.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Simonds, Mr. Dow, Mr. Hill, Mr. End, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to consider and report upon the subject relative to Penitentiaries, as communicated in His Honor's Speech.

On motion of Mr. Hayward,

*Resolved*, That this House do on Monday, the 14th instant, go into Committee of the whole in consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. Partelow moved the following Resolution, which was passed by the House.

"Whereas great apprehensions are entertained by this House, that the strenuous efforts which have been heretofore made by the Northern Powers of Europe, and which they were continuing to make at the date of the latest advices from England, to obtain a reduction or the abolition of the existing duties on Foreign Wood imported into the Mother Country, have engaged the attention of His Majesty's Ministers: and whereas such reduction or abolition, (if adopted,) would not only vitally affect the commercial interests of this Country, but would involve in ruin a considerable and influential portion of His Majesty's most faithful subjects residing in the North American Provinces, independently of the injury that the shipping interest of the whole Empire would sustain thereby:

"Therefore resolved, that an humble Address be prepared to be presented to His Majesty's Government on the subject, and that His Majesty's Council be requested to join in such address."

*Ordered*, That Mr. Partelow be a Committee to communicate this Resolution to the Council.

Mr. Simonds moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate Inns, Taverns, and Houses for selling strong Liquors, and to repeal all the Laws now in force, relating to the same.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in, was read a first time.