Petition from Laborers for Employment.

Mr. Winser presented a Petition from Maurice Kennealy and others, laborers of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for employment on Public Works.

On Table.

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

Petition from Retailers and others for remedy against short weight on goods imported. The hon. the Attorney General presented a petition from Michael Kelly and others, Retailers, Householders, and Shopkeepers of St. John's, which was received and read,—Complaining of the loss they sustain from short weight in purchasing articles imported from the United States, British Colonies, and Hamburgh, and praying that measures may be adopted to remedy the evil complained of.

On Table.

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

Return of persons tendering for loan of £45,000.

The hon, the RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a return of the names of the persons by whom the loan of £45,000 was taken up, together with the amount tendered but not accepted.

(For which see Appendix.)

On table.

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

Offer Wadham Light-house Bill read 1st time. Mr. Ellis, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on the Offer Wadham Island; and the same was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time on the 7th February next.

Jury Bill read 1st time.

The hon, the Attorney General, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to fix the qualifications and regulate the empanneling of Jurors, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Insolvency Act Amendment Bill read 1st time.

He also, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the law of Insolvency; and the same was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The hon. the Colonial Secentary, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented the following Bills, which were severally read a first time: