

A Petition of Terence Cochran was presented by Mr. Harris, and read, praying payment of the sum of 58l. 7s. expended by him, as a Commissioner, in the year 1815, on the main road from the west end of Ardoile Hill to the Half-way River at Horton, over and above the sum granted by the Province for that part of the said road.

A petition of John Moody, James H. Tidmarsh and others, was presented by Mr. Pryor, and read, setting forth : that the petitioners have at a heavy expense, established in Halifax, a Manufactory for refining Sugar, and praying that a Drawback of the Provincial Duties on such imported Sugar as shall actually be manufactured by them into refined Sugar, may be allowed to them.

A petition of George Grassie & Co. was presented by Mr. Mortimer and read, setting forth : that the petitioners had in their Iron Chest at the time of the Fire, on the 17th December last, a quantity of Province Notes, which were consumed, and by which they sustained a loss of 142l. in said Notes ; and praying relief.

A petition of George Grassie & Co. was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, setting forth : that the petitioners sustained a heavy loss by Fire, on the 17th December last, in Buildings and Merchandise, that a quantity of dutiable articles made a part of the Goods consumed by that unfortunate event, and on which there were paid or secured to the amount of 768l. 19s. 9d. and praying relief in the premises.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the distress in many Districts of the Province from the failure of Crops.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Shaw took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Monies to be granted for the relief of those Persons whose Crops have been destroyed by Frost or otherwise, should be expended in purchasing, within this Province, Seed Grain ; and by importing Barley, Rye, or Coarse Flour, to be distributed by the Legislature to the several Counties and Districts.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the business to them referred ; which report the House agreed to.

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