

Petitions presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Puslinch*, praying for such an alteration in the Assessment Law as will enable the Corporations to assess all property according to its real value ;

And also, praying that the Clergy Reserves and Rectories may be sold, and the proceeds applied towards the support of Education and the maintenance of Public Works.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honourable Mr. *Pinhey* presented a Petition from *Charles Sparrow* and others, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of the Roman Catholic College of *Bytown*, equal to that granted to the like College in *Kingston* ;

Also, a Petition from *I. E. Robichand* and others, of *Bytown*, praying for aid to the funds of La Communauté des Révérends Sœurs de la Charité at *Bytown* ;

Also, a Petition from *N. C. W. Cannon* and others, Inhabitants of *Cannonsburgh*, in the Township of *Colchester*, praying for the Incorporation of a Literary Society for the coloured people of the said Township, under the name and style of the Wilberforce Lyceum Education Society for moral and mental improvement.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *R. L. Stephenson* and others, Members of the Church of England, at *Buckingham*, in the County of *Ottawa* ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Johnson* and others, Members of the Church of England, in the Townships of *Hull* and *Aylmer*, severally praying that the power of conferring degrees in Divinity and Arts may be granted to Bishop's College, *Lennoxville*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*, and that the Annual Grant to the said Institution may be increased.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Richard Whitwell* and others, Members of the Church of England, at *St Armand West* ;

Also, a Petition from the Honorable *Paul*

H. Knowlton and others, Members of the Church of England at *Brome* and *Sutton*, severally praying that the power of conferring degrees in Divinity and Arts may be granted to Bishop's College, *Lennoxville*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*, and that the Annual Grant to the said Institution may be increased.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Jasper Hume Nicholls*, Principal of Bishop's College, *Lennoxville*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of the said Institution.

Also, a Petition from *Henry John Greenstreet*, of *West Flamborough*, an Attorney of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench and Solicitor in Chancery in *England*, praying that a Bill may be passed to enable him to practice his profession in this Province ;

And also, a Petition from *H. Stuart Woods* and others, Inhabitants of the Towns of *Sandwich* and *Windsor*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Return from *Coleman's Corners Agricultural Society* for 1849.

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Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table ; and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter I.*)

The Order of the Day being read for moving (pursuant to notice) an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the future exercise of the Royal Prerogative in regard of summoning persons to the Legislative Council—it was

The Order for considering the Address in regard to summoning persons to the Legislative Council, postponed till Monday.

Ordered, that the same be discharged until Monday next, and that the said Motion do stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes."

House in Committee on Joint Stock Manufacturing Companies' Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and
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