

of this House, relative to the initiation of money votes.

Two petitions were presented to the House, and the same were severally received and read, viz :

By Mr. MacLennan. A petition of John Crawford and others, inhabitants of Cascumpec, Townships Nos. 5 and 6, and others, praying for an amendment of the law relating to lands seized and sold at Sheriff's sale, called the Land Assessment Act, so as to make all future, as well as past sales, under such Act, valid in law.

A petition of Richard Hunt and others, inhabitants of Prince County, setting forth that a large number of the farms and other tracts of land are held by virtue of Sheriff's deeds; that there is a rumor generally current that the deeds of lands sold at Sheriff's sale under the Land Assessment Act are invalid owing to some technical informality in the mode of advertizing all the lands so sold, and praying the House to pass such an Act as will confirm the titles of all lands so sold, by simplifying the mode of conducting any sales of lands for taxes that may hereafter occur.

Then, on motion of Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Howat,

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to a Committee to examine the same, and report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. MacLennan, the Hon. J. Hensley and the Hon. J. Longworth do compose the said Committee.

A petition of the Rev. Alexander Munro, Minister, and Sween Campbell and other members of the Brown's Creek Congregation, at Valley Field, Township No. 57, was presented to the House by Mr. Duncan, and the same was received and read, praying for an amendment of the Act to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Valley Field.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to a Committee to examine the same and report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Duncan, the Hon. J. Longworth and the Hon. J. H. Gray do compose the said Committee.

A petition of Duncan Matheson and others, inhabitants of Rustico and vicinity, was presented to the House by the Hon. J. Longworth, and the same was received and read, setting forth that the use of Trawls or Set lines on the North side of this Island has increased to such an extent as is likely to prove extremely ruinous to one of our most important branches of industry—the Cod fisheries; that they have every reason to believe that if the present practice of set-line fishing is continued, a few years more will see the utter extinction of the Cod-fish on our shores, as has been the result from the same cause in some of the best fishing grounds in the North American waters, and praying for such measures as may be deemed best for the better protection of this great interest.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to a Committee to examine the same, and report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. J. Longworth, Mr. Howlan and Mr. Green do compose the said Committee.

A petition of James Beaton and others, inhabitants of East Point and vicinity, was presented to the House by the Hon. J. Hensley, and the same was received and read, praying for the establishment of a Post Office at East Point.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to report on every petition praying for the establishment of new Post Offices, and on all matters relating to the Inland Mail Service, to examine the same and report thereon.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the consideration of the first Report of the Special Committee appointed to report on Expiring Laws, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. MacLennan took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,