

the regulation of the driving of Carts, Carriages, Sleighs and Carrioles, on the Highways, be continued—and that so much of the said Act as relates to the establishment of an Assize of Bread for the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town, be allowed to expire.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question of concurrence being severally put thereon, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that *Mr. Brennan* and *Mr. H. Macdonald* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue an Act made and passed in the Sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to continue an Act made and passed in the First year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an Act to regulate the Measurement of Ton Timber, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and to repeal two certain Acts made and passed in the Fourteenth and Fifty-seventh years of his late Majesty's reign, and also for declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable, and for appointing Officers to survey the same"—pursuant to the First of the above reported Resolutions.

Ordered, that *Mr. Brecken* and *Mr. Hyndman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue an Act made and passed in the Eighth year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled "An Act to authorize the formation of a Fire Engine Company for the Town of Charlotte-Town"—pursuant to the Second of the above reported Resolutions.

Ordered, that *Mr. Binns*, *Mr. Owen*, and *Mr. Pope* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue and amend an Act made and passed in the Eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island in cases of Replevin"—pursuant to the Third of the above reported Resolutions.

Ordered, that *Mr. Owen* and *Mr. A. Macdonald* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue so much of an Act made and passed in the First year of his present Majesty's reign, as relates to regulating the driving of Carts, Carriages, Sleighs and Carrioles on the Highways—pursuant to

the Fourth of the above reported Resolutions.

*Mr. Brecken* reported from the Special Committee appointed last Session, to whom was referred the Petition of certain American Loyalists, or their Representatives—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of divers American Loyalists, or their Representatives, presented to the House last Session, having maturely considered the allegations contained in the said Petition, and examined several persons and documents relative to the statements made therein, beg leave to submit the following Report.

Your Committee find that in the year 1783, a number of the Proprietors of the Lands in this Island, or their Attornies for them, in order to induce some of the American Loyalists, who at that period, from a principle of loyalty and attachment to the British Government, were abandoning the country now called the United States, in great numbers, to settle in this Island, and also with a view to have some indulgence extended to them in the payment of their Quit Rents, bound themselves to grant to such persons, on their arrival here, in the same proportions to each family as were received by Loyal Emigrants in the neighbouring province of Nova Scotia, and on the same conditions as they themselves held of the Crown, one fourth of the quantity of Lands placed opposite to their names in a Document signed by them, and delivered to the Right Honorable Lord North, at that time one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of which the following is a copy:

WE the undersigned Proprietors of Lands in the Colony of Saint John, being informed that many of the Loyalists at New-York prefer a Settlement in that Island to one in Nova-Scotia; and being very desirous of encouraging such a preference, and of affording an asylum to those deserving fellow subjects, do engage, for ourselves, or as Attornies for others, to grant, as we hold of the Crown, and in the same proportions to each family as the other Loyal Emigrants receive in Nova-Scotia, one-fourth of the quantity of Lands placed opposite to our names, which they shall receive upon their arrival at Charlotte-Town, by application to the Governor and Council. And that they may receive the said Lands in the fairest and most impartial manner, we will direct that the whole be divided by the Surveyor General into Parcels of not less than One Thousand acres each, and drawn for by Ballot before the Governor and Council. In consideration of the preference expressed by those Loyal Emigrants, and of the conditions offered by us, we have the fullest confidence that your Lordship will give instructions to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces at New-York, to furnish such Loyalists as prefer a Settlement in Saint John's with provisions and transports to carry them to Charlotte-Town, and every other necessary, such as is given to those who go to Nova-Scotia. And that your Lordship will also give such instructions to the Governor of Saint John's, as will place such Emigrants, in every respect, on a similar footing with their brethren who settle in Nova-Scotia. The undersigned are the more zealous in promoting this measure, as they are persuaded it will greatly advance the prosperity of an infant Colony, which, from its natural and relative situation, is peculiarly adapted to become a permanent and valuable possession to Great Britain. And they confide in your Lordship's wisdom and equity, that you will obtain for them such an abatement of Quit Rent as will place them on an equality with their neighbouring Colonies,