

*Saturday, 22nd December, 1821.*

The House met. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to order, the Petition from the Methodist Episcopal Church and their Friends in this Province, praying that the privilege of Solemnizing Marriages may not be withheld from their Ordained Ministers; Petition No. 30, on the same subject; the Petition from Maria Grace, praying that the property of the late Oliver Grace, forfeited by Treason committed by Oliver Grace the younger, may be restored to her; the Petition of Peter Miller, late a Private in the Third Regiment York Militia, praying to be put upon the Pension List; the Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston, praying that an Act may be passed, authorizing importation of certain Dye Stuffs from the United States of America; and the Petition from Henry A. Delamaitre and others, praying that a certain Dam constructed by them across the Gananoque River may be authorized by law to stand and remain in the situation in which it was constructed, were read.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Leeds, moves that the Petition of Maria Grace be referred to a Select Committee, and that Messrs. Jones, of Grenville, Crooks and Hagerman be a Committee for that purpose, and to report by Bill or otherwise. Which was lost.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that he have leave of absence during the remainder of this present Session of Parliament, his public duty requiring his attendance in the District of Newcastle. Which was granted.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Leeds, moves that the Petition of Peter Miller be referred to a Select Committee, and that Messrs. Robinson, VanKoughnet and Walsh do compose said Committee, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Methodist Relief Bill, Mr. Gates in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Gates reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the Methodists' Relief Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Revenue Bill, Mr. Casey in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, a Message, with a Report from the Commissioners who were appointed to superintend the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Sir Isaac Brock, and having withdrawn, the Speaker read the same as follows:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the House of Assembly the copy of a Report, which has been submitted to him by the Commissioners for erecting a Monument to the Memory of the late Sir Isaac Brock.

Being anxious that the work should do justice to the public sense of the highly efficient services, and at the same time aware of the limited and embarrassed state of the Public Funds, the Lieutenant-Governor thinks it right, under the peculiar circumstances of the occasion, to suggest for the consideration of the House of Assembly how far it may be proper to remove any obstacle to the augmentation of the fund at the disposal of the Commissioners, by sanctioning the adoption of the measure adverted to in the Report.