

proportion of its inhabitants, who were without any religious instruction before the visits of these valuable men. And praying that the equal and unrestricted right of celebrating marriages within this Island may be extended to the Wesleyan Missionaries, and all other acknowledged ministers and teachers of religion.

A Petition of ROBERT BROWN, jun. and other inhabitants of Brigus, was presented by Mr. COZENS. and read, setting forth—

That an Act passed in the fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to regulate the celebration of Marriages in the Colony of Newfoundland," imposed numerous restrictions on certain ministers and pastors, and their societies and congregations, by which the former were prevented from marrying their

own people, and the latter from having the ceremony performed by the ministers of their own choice. That such restrictions have been discountenanced by the Legislatures of the neighbouring Colonies in their recent enactments. That the Wesleyan Methodist Missionaries were among the first to communicate moral and religious instruction to the inhabitants of this island. And praying that the unrestricted right to celebrate marriages may be extended to the Wesleyan Methodist Ministers in particular, and to ministers and pastors of all denominations of Christians in general.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday next at eleven of the Clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1833.

A Petition from the distressed inhabitants of the North Shore of Conception Bay was presented by Mr. PACK, and read, setting forth,

That the Petitioners are, for the most part, fishermen—that, owing to the small catch of fish last summer, and the failure of the potato-crop, Petitioners are in circumstances of great distress;—and praying that the House would take their case into consideration, and afford the Petitioners such relief as, in the judgment of the House, their emergency requires.

Ordered, that the Petition do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. PACK,

Resolved,—That Mr. Speaker and the whole House do wait on His Excellency the Governor with the Petitions from the distressed inhabitants of the North Shore of Conception Bay and the other parts of the Island, and request that His Excellency will be pleased to extend to the Petitioners such relief as he may have in his power.

Ordered,—That Mr. HOYLES and Mr. PACK be a committee to wait on His Excellency, to know his pleasure, when he will be attended by the House with the said Petitions.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, for preventing dangerous quantities of gunpowder being kept within the town of St. John's.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. COZENS took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said amendments, and had directed him to report that they had agreed to the amendments numbered one, six, eight, eleven, and twelve, and that the Committee recommended that a conference should be asked with the Coun-

cil on the subject of the amendments numbered two, three, four, five, seven, nine, and ten; which report the House agreed to.

Mr. PACK reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor, to know his pleasure, when he would be attended by the House with the Petition from the distressed inhabitants of the North Shore of Conception Bay, that the Committee had waited on His Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint Thursday next, at eleven of the clock, at Government House.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Carbonear was presented by Mr. PACK and read, setting forth,

That the Petitioners suffer numberless disadvantages and inconveniences from the want of a free trade to the United States of America, and have frequently been in danger of famine in the inclement season of winter, owing to vessels not being able to arrive here with the autumn supplies from the mother country. The Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Carbonear and the outports may be placed on the same footing as St. John's, that is, that American vessels may be allowed to enter the outports, and trade as free as in the Capital of the Island. The Petitioners further state that they are well aware that the Colonial Government has not the power of interfering with the regulations relative to the trade of the Empire; but they humbly pray that the House will join with the Petitioners in petitioning His Majesty and Council to grant the boon so much desired.

Ordered,—That the Petition do lie on the table.

On motion, the House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill imposing duties on all wines and spirits imported into this Island.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. PACK took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.