

read, setting forth the very distressed state of the poor of this colony, and praying that provision may be made by the Legislature for their immediate relief.

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

To lie on the table

A Petition of William, Jonathan, Aaron, and George Vokey, of Spaniard's Bay, was presented by Mr. Nugent, and the same was received and read, setting forth:—That Petitioners had contracted with the Board of Road Commissioners to perform certain work at Spaniard's Bay, which they completed, and a Warrant was sent to the Treasurer to pay them the amount of the contract.—That on application to the Treasurer for payment they were informed the money had been attached by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Donnelly, for a debt said to be due by one of the Petitioners, (William Vokey), and that therefore he could not pay it. That Petitioners considering the attachment under such circumstances to be most unjust and illegal, pray the House to investigate the matter.

Petition of William Vokey and brothers

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on the Table

Pursuant to the order of the day, a Bill to make provision for the Sick and destitute Poor of this colony was read a second time.

Poor Bill read 2d time

Mr. Nugent moved pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. Kent.

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the committing, reading, and passing the said bill.

Suspension of Rules in reference thereto

On motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Kent,

Resolved that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said bill.

House in committee on Poor Bill

And the House resolved itself into the said committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Winsor took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments read and agreed to

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Engrossed 3d reading

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at one of the clock.

FRIDAY. January 17, 1840.

A GREEBLY to the order of the day, an engrossed Bill to provide for the relief of the poor of the Colony, was read a third time.

Poor Bill read 3d time