

Committee; and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Nos. 14, 16 and 17, was presented to the House by Mr. *Fraser*; and the same was received and read, praying for the amendment of the Act for the recovery of Small Debts.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the several matters referred to in His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, at the opening of the present Session.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whelan* have leave to introduce a Bill to repeal and amend certain parts of the Law relating to the admission of Barristers, Attorneys and Solicitors of the Supreme Courts of this Island.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Two Petitions were presented to the House by Mr. *Mooney*, and the same were received and read, viz:

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Melville

Road Settlement, Township No. 29, praying a grant to build a Bridge.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Nos. 35 and 36, praying a grant to repair the Battery Point Road, and the Bridge thereon.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Bill to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways, was, according to order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Beaton took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported; that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, March 16, 1850.

MR. SPEAKER called the attention of the House to certain paragraphs contained in a Newspaper called the *Islander*, published in Charlottetown, which, he said, had been brought to his notice by several Members of the House, and which paragraphs contained a misstatement of a grave nature, imputing to the House the refusal of a Petition against the return of a Member — no such Petition having been offered. Whereupon—

Mr. *Warburton* moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth:

Whereas, in an article which appeared in the *Islander* Newspaper, of the 15th instant, it is asserted that this House had refused to en-

tertain, and had rejected, a Petition alleged to have been presented to the House, by Mr. R. Macaulay, "the unsuccessful Candidate for the Second (Third) District of King's County, shewing that Mr. LeLacheur, one of the returned Candidates, should not be suffered to take his Seat, for want of a qualification." **RESOLVED**, That the above statement is directly false, no such Petition having been offered or presented to this House, and that it can only be regarded as a wilful and malicious attempt to misrepresent the motives and character of the House of Assembly.

And the said Resolution being again read, and the question put thereon,

The House divided: