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"County afterwards forming the said County of Charlotte, and that by the "prudent provisions of the Act of the 26th year of His Majesty's Reign, "chapter 41st, all those expences were defrayed, and a considerable ba-"lance carried to the public stock of the County, which has been applied "towards discharging the debts incurred in building the first Gaol and "Court House.

"It further appeared that four of the null priviledges which had been "sold, have not been paid for; but your committee are strongly inclined "to believe that the reason why prosecutions have not been commenced by "the Treasurer of the County, is that those mill lots were of so little value "as not to be worth the expence, which would necessarily attend the giving "of titles to the purchasers.

"It further appeared that the *four hundred pounds* assessed in 180⁴, "(which assessment the said Act of the 52d year of the present Reign, "made legal) the greater part was paid except the proportions rated upon "the Parish of Saint George, in which the petitioner resides, and the Pa-"rish of Campo Bello, neither of which Parishes paid any part of their said "proportions, until after the passing of the same Act, and that the Magis-"trates of the County at large, at a very general meeting of them, resolved, (and as your committee conceive very justly too) that upon any future assessment of the County, those Parishes which had advanced their mo-"ney, and which had been applied in part to discharge the County "debts, then bearing interest, should be so far relieved as the interest of such sums would amount to, to be calculated to the time when the two Pa-"rishes of Saint George and Campo Bello paid their respective quotas of "the same rate.

" It further appeared that the Magistrates adopted the most correct me-" thod within their power when they made the said assessment, to apportion " it equally among the several Parishes.

"It also appeared that no other sum of money, except the said sum of "four hundred pounds has ever been levied or assessed upon the County "for the building of either of the two Gaols and Court Houses, or for any other County purposes, and upon a review of all the circumstances, your committee cannot refrain from noticing the asperity and peculiarity of the language of the petitioner so unwarranted as it regards the Magistracy of the County, and so incompatible with the respect due to this House: "all which is humbly submitted.

" THOMAS WETMORE, "JOHN M. BLISS, "WILLIAM BOTSFORD."

Ordered that the petition of William Hazen, James Simonds, and James White, be referred to the committee of roads.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of FEBRUARY, 1814.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill further to continue for a limited time, an Act, entituled, "An Act for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province, and to amend the same,"

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