

but on the contrary, hardened the criminal. Leave was given.

On the 20th, in a Committee of the whole House on the Report of the special Committee to whom was referred the Governor's Message for the erection of a Jail in the District of St. Francis.

Mr. Tachéreau.—Said that the Special Committee having reported in favor of the erection of a Gaol at Sherbrooke, in the said District, he would propose, 1st. That a Gaol was necessary; 2d. That it should be erected at the expense of the District, by Commissioners to be named by the Governor; 3d. That they should be authorised to borrow a Sum not exceeding 2000*l.* for its completion; 4th. That for the repayment of the said sum, there should be levied a Tax upon Law Processes in the said District. He also said, that it was suggested that it might be expedient to lay a Duty on Licenses for Stills in the said District, the Spirits used there being chiefly manufactured in that part of the country, to the exclusion of those that pay duties on importation. He observed, that the Tax on Law Proceedings had already been resorted to for the building of the Court Houses at Quebec and Montreal, and had been found to be productive without much expense of collection.

Mr. Viger.—Observed, that there was nothing before the House to shew that the inhabitants of the District wished for the erection of a permanent Gaol; and that as the proposed measure went to lay a burthen on them exclusively, it would be prudent to proceed with caution; he thought, that a temporary Gaol might answer the purpose, particularly as the Law erecting the District was proposed to be repealed in the Judicature Bill sent down from the Legislative Council.

Mr. Papineau.—said that it would have been desirable that the people of the townships should have had Representatives chosen by themselves to express their wishes in the House; by the Bill which passed the House last Session they had been allowed three Representatives; but that Bill was not agreed to by the other House.

Mr. Neilson.—Observed, that the people of the Townships had been petitioning year after year for a Gaol and other matters, without counter petitions. It was to be presumed that, asking for a Gaol they were willing to bear the expenses; they were educated in the ideas of a system which required the means for such works to be raised by local taxation. It was known to every one, that the distance at which they were placed, and the difficulties of the communication with the other parts of the Province, rendered a Gaol indispensable in the Townships for the security of the persons and property of the subject there. He could not think of waiting till they obtained their due share of Representatives in this House, which it had agreed to allow them.

New difficulties with the other Branch of the Legislature might occur. In the mean time, in point of right, we were authorised to levy on the Districts, the monies necessary for its use. Although the people of the Townships might have found it convenient, to attend at the elections held for the Counties in which they were situated, the Gentlemen now in the House, who represented these Counties, represented them as well as every other person entitled to vote, but who in fact did not vote. In a committee of the House on the Bill for facilitating the establishment of Schools in the Country parishes.

Mr. Viger, On moving the question of concurrence on these Amendments, observed, that the Bill sent up to the Council proposed to permit the *Fabriques* to acquire an annual revenue for the support of Schools of 150*l.* for 150 and 200 inhabited houses. The Amendments allowed them to acquire only 50*l.* for every 100 families. As nothing was given in aid of the proposed Schools from the Public Funds he thought, that they ought to have been allowed to receive charitable Donations to a greater annual amount. The Amendments allowed the *Fabriques* to hold one superficial arpent as a Lot for the School House, and allowed 100*l.* to be spent in the building. He still trusted that Schools might be established under the Bill as amended. The Amendments require that any Land given for the Schools, be sold in two years on a constituted rent, not to exceed the 50*l.* before mentioned. The Clause requiring the Schools to be open to all children of the Parish without distinction, had been struck out; but he conceived, that all children would of course be admitted. It was also provided, that the fourth of the income of the *Fabriques* which might be applied to the support of Schools, should only be applied after the usual formalities and sanctions, to which he had no objections. He was of opinion that the House, under all the circumstances, ought to agree to the amendments, in the hope that further improvements might be made hereafter. Mr. Neilson.—Said he would willingly concur in the amendments, in the hope that something more might be done at a future period, for facilitating the