

Interpretation
of Terms Bill.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act for putting a "Legislative Interpretation upon certain Terms "used in Acts of Parliament, and for rendering it unnecessary to repeat certain provisions "and expressions therein, and for ascertaining "the date and commencement thereof, and for "other purposes," be now read the first time.

And the Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Government
Claimants.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 7th instant,—Extract of a Despatch from Lord *Stanley* to Lord *Metcalfe*, dated *Downing Street*, 3rd September, 1845 :

"The Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide a legal "recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province "having legal or just claims upon the Executive "Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty "the more effectually to do justice in such cases," "is a measure for which the Law of *England* affords "no precedent and no analogy. The remedy which it "gives against the Crown is far more extensive than "the now obsolete proceeding of Petition of Right. "It reduces the Crown as nearly as possible to the "level of the subject in private litigation, and (if reliance may be placed on such a subject on the judgment of the highest legal authorities to which I have "access) the subordinate details of the Bill are ill adapted to promote the objects of the Legislature. "The preceding considerations compel me to pause "in advising the Queen to ratify and finally enact this "Bill. On the other hand, the weight of Your Lordship's authority, and the concurrent opinions of your "legal advisers, and of the two Houses of the Provincial Legislature in favor of the measure, unavoidably create in my mind the strongest possible repugnance to advise the Queen to withhold Her assent, if consistently with my public duty I may abstain from submitting to Her Majesty that advice. "I should therefore wish that Your Lordship "would resume the consideration of the subject, and report to me, first, whether there is really any cause to apprehend either that this Bill would be ineffectual to its purpose, or that it would denude the Crown of any Prerogative, the maintenance of which is requisite either for the honor of the Crown, or for the general benefit of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects.

"On the receipt of such a report, but not till then, "Her Majesty's decision on this Bill will be taken."

Longueuil and
Chambly
Turnpike Bill.

Mr. *Bell* reported the Bill to amend the Ordinance relating to the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Road Company; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Registry Laws
(U.C.) Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Richards*, the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *Meyers*, and Mr. *Smith*, of *Durham*, to report thereon with all convenient speed.

Limited Partnerships
Bill
(U.C.)

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday, the twenty-first instant.

Waterloo
Election.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the Return made by the Sheriff of the *Wellington* District to the Order of this House, of the 8th February last, transmitting to him Summonses for service on the Deputy Returning Officers for the Townships of *Waterloo*, *Holland*, *Sullivan*, and *Arthur*, at the last Election for the County of *Waterloo*, to appear at the bar of the House, this day.

And it appearing by the said Return, that *John Miller*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Holland*, had wilfully evaded the service of the Summons of the Honorable The Speaker of this House;

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

Resolved, That *John Miller*, late Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Holland*, at the last Election for the County of *Waterloo*, having wilfully evaded service of the Summons of the Honorable Mr. Speaker, bearing date the 8th day of February last, requiring his attendance at the bar of this House, on Monday the 12th day of March, instant, to answer for his conduct as such Deputy Returning Officer, Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant for the apprehension of the said *John Miller*, to be forthwith brought to the bar of this House, to answer for his conduct as such Deputy Returning Officer as aforesaid, and that the same be directed to the Serjeant at Arms, or his Deputy, for execution.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill requiring Mortgages of personal property in *Upper Canada* to be filed, being read; Bill requiring Mortgages to be filed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, on Thursday, the twenty-second instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Huron Copper Bay Company*, being read; Huron Copper Bay Company Bill.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of *Joseph Richard Thompson*, being read; Thompson's Relief Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, on Thursday, the twenty-second day of March, instant.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to repeal the several Laws now in force in *Upper Canada* regulating the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams, and to make provision for better defining the mode of constructing the same, being read; Bill respecting Aprons to Mill Dams.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Crysler* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Crysler* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

And the Question being put, That the Committee have leave to sit again:—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Flint*, Mr. *Smith*, of *Durham*, and Mr. *Wilson*, to report thereon with all convenient speed.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to compel Pilots' Apprentices to qualify themselves to pilot vessels by the north channel of the River *St. Lawrence*, below the Island of *Orleans*, Pilots Apprentices Bill.