

Mr. Locke, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to alter certain electoral districts in the county of Shelburne—and the same was read a first time.

Shelburne electoral districts bill,

*Ordered*, That the bill be referred to a select committee, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise, and who are also to report upon the subject of electoral districts generally.

Referred to sel. com. on electoral districts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Campbell, Mr. Fulton, hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. Annand, and Mr. B. Smith, be a committee for that purpose.

A petition of Charles E. Leonard, of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, esquire, was presented by the hon. Mr. McLeod, and read, setting forth that he was appointed prothonotary and clerk of the crown for the island of Cape Breton in 1813, under the then government of that island, and having discharged his duties until the annexation in 1820, was continued in his said offices by the provincial government; that on the division of the island into separate counties, he received from his deputies a certain proportion of their fees, which he continued to receive until the passage of the act of last session, whereby the deputy prothonotaries in the different counties became principals; that the petitioner has, by the operation of such act, been deprived of emoluments to which he conceived himself justly entitled—and praying compensation for the loss sustained in consequence thereof.

Petition of Charles E. Leonard,

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the hon. Mr. Henry, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Killam, hon. Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Annand, to examine and report upon.

Referred to select committee.

A petition of the reverend Joseph Goudot, of the township of Argyle, clerk, was presented by Mr. Ryder, and read, praying for the passage of an act admitting him to naturalization.

Petition of Rev. Jos. Goudot.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Newal Jedore, an Indian, blind and a cripple, was presented by the hon. the provincial secretary, and read, praying assistance for the support of himself and family.

Petition of Newell Jedore,

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Referred to committee on Indian affairs.

A petition of James Synnott, of Dartmouth, in the county of Halifax, stone mason, was presented by the hon. the provincial secretary, and read, stating that in 1831 he contracted to perform a large amount of work for the Shubenacadie canal company in that and subsequent years, and that on the stoppage of the works a large amount was due him by the company, of which he was unable to procure payment—that petitioner through ignorance of the law allowed his claim against the property of said company to be barred by the statute of limitations, which defence was set up to an action instituted by petitioner in 1849 against said company—that the petitioner being informed that the property formerly belonging to the canal is now held by the province, prays relief in the premises and the payment of the amount justly and equitably due, the withholding of which has been ruinous in its consequences to petitioner and his family.

Petition of James Synnott,

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the hon. the provincial secretary, Mr. Killam, Mr. Wier, Mr. Archibald, and the hon. Mr. Henry, to examine and report upon.

Referred to select committee

A petition of Andrew Malone, of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by the hon. Mr. McLeod, and read, praying compensation for performing the duties of a ferryman on the breaking down of the bridge over Sydney river.

Petition of Andrew Malone,

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

Referred to nav. sec. committee.

The hon. the provincial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to facilitate the taking of polls in the county of Cumberland—and the same was read a first time.

Cumberland polls bill

*Ordered*, That the bill be referred to the committee on the subject of electoral districts.

Referred to com. on electoral districts.

The hon. the provincial secretary also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to provide for the independent exercise of the elective franchise—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Independent exercise of franchise bill.