

Petition of certain inhabitants of County of Leeds praying for amount of damages sustained from the Victoria macadamized road.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the county of Leeds, in the Johnstown District, was presented to the House by Mr. *Morris*, and the same was received and read ; setting forth :—That the Victoria Macadamized road, commencing near to the town of *Brockville*, passes through petitioners' lands—that most of the materials required to build the said road were taken off their premises, and, in many places, stones have been quarried and earth taken for the formation of said road, leaving the land perfectly useless for agricultural purposes—That many of their fields were thrown into commons, and some of their crops greatly injured—That they have been put to great expenses in enclosing their fields, so cut to pieces—That in one case 32 fruit trees were destroyed by the road passing through an orchard—That petitioners have received no compensation though the said damages was sustained in 1838 ; and praying for relief.

*Ordered*—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Petition from divers inhabitants of Innisfil, praying for protection to agriculturists.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Township of *Innisfil*, was presented to the House by Captain *Steele*, and the same was received and read ; setting forth :—That for want of laws for the protection of the agriculturist, the staple commodity of the province (wheat) has failed to bring a remunerating price in market ; and praying that the wisdom of the House may devise means for remedy thereof.

*Ordered*—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Petition from people styled "Bible Christians," praying for authority to hold land.

A Petition of the people denominated "Bible Christians," was presented to the House by Mr. *Williams*, and the same was received and read ; setting forth :—That Petitioners experience difficulty in securing titles to lands requisite for sites of chapels and Burying-grounds, for want of a corporate capacity to hold lands in perpetual succession ; and praying to be relieved from such disability.

*Ordered*—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Usury laws.

*Resolved*—That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the propriety of amending the usury Laws of this Province.

British America Fire & Life Assurance Company to furnish statement of its affairs.

*Resolved*—That the *British America Fire and Life Assurance Company* be required to furnish the Legislature with a full statement of its affairs ; shewing the amount of Insurance charged upon the several kinds of property ; the amount insured at each rate of per centage ; the amount insured in each of the principal Cities and Towns in *Upper Canada*, and in each district, exclusive of those towns—also a statement of the transactions of the last year, shewing the amount of premiums charged and losses incurred, and also the contingent expenses of the company.

Petition of James W. Sharrard & Thomas Henry referred to select committee.

*Resolved*—That the Petition of *James W. Sharrard* and *Thomas Henry*, Christian Ministers, of the *Home* District, be referred to a select Committee, of five Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Ordered*—That Mr. *Small*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Hincks* and Mr. *Roblin*, do compose the said Committee.

*Ordered*—That the Petition of the people denominated "Bible Christians" be referred to the said Committee.

Bill to enable members to vacate their seats.

*Ordered*—That Mr. *Small* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable members of the Legislative Assembly, for places within that part of the Province formerly constituting the Province of *Upper Canada*, to vacate their seats, in certain cases, and for other purposes.