

The Act 19 Vic., cap. 12, intituled "An Act to authorise the Government to prohibit the exportation of Saltpetre and other Chemical Salts," be severally allowed to expire.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in Bills pursuant to the above reported Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Muirhead, Mr. H. Haviland, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Clark, do compose the said Committee.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, from the Committee appointed last Session, to examine and report this Session on the Petition of divers inhabitants of Townships 23 and 24, presented to the House the report of the said Committee,

which report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of building a Bridge over Hunter River, Rustico, have to report, that from the great depth of water in the channel and the width of the river, a very large outlay would be required; further, the number of persons that would travel over the said bridge is not sufficient to warrant so large an expenditure as would be required to erect the bridge; but your Committee would recommend a small sum to be expended in procuring a scow and to encourage a person to keep the said ferry, especially as many persons cross the river on Sundays to attend church and chapel.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at 10 o'clock.

## Monday, March 2, 1857.

A PETITION of Archibald C. Bickford was presented to the House by Mr. Yeo, and the same was received and read, praying remuneration for his services as a Teacher, for a period of eight months, at Township 8; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred every Petition praying for grants to Teachers not entitled to salaries under the Free Education Law.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Perry, Mr. Dingwell, Mr. Muirhead, Mr. H. Haviland, Hon. Mr. Montgomery, Hon. Mr. Mooney and Mr. Laird do compose the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Petition be referred to the said Committee.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of twelve Members be appointed, to whom shall be referred every Petition relating to Paupers and Lunatics, to examine the same and report thereon; and also to report on all cases of pauperism brought under the consideration of the House, whether by Petition or otherwise, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Mooney, Hon. Mr. Palmer, Mr. Dingwell, Mr. Perry, Mr. Muirhead, Hon. Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Macin-

tosh, the Hon. Col. Treasurer, Mr. Laird, Mr. Munro, Hon. Mr. Wightman and Mr. Macdonald do compose the said Committee.

A Petition of divers inhabitants of south side of Little River was presented to the House by Mr. Dingwell, and the same was received and read, praying aid to complete a road.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned for one hour;

And being met—

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the consideration of the draft Address, reported from the Special Committee, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses, at the opening of the present Session, being read—

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Clark reported that the Committee had gone through the draft Address reported from the Special Committee, paragraph by paragraph, had amended and then adopted the