

and for the better preservation of the Public Peace thereat, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Alexis Chandler*, of the Township of *Caladonia*, in the District of *Ottawa*; praying to be naturalized.

Of *William Fraser* and others, Inhabitants of *Breadalbane, Glengarry*; praying that the University of King's College may no longer be conducted on exclusive principles.

Petitions re-
ferred.

A. Wylie and
others

Presbyterian
Church at
Brockville

Is. B. Clenden-
man and
others

J. E. Fayette
Reverend A.
Blanchard

A. G. Alexan-
der

A. Macintyre
Attorney of Justice
Lower Canada

Common
Schools

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alexander Wylie*, and others, Presbyterians, of the Townships of *Edwardsburgh* and *Augusta*, presented to the House on the eighteenth instant; and the Petition of the Minister and Session, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church at *Brockville*, presented to the House on the twentieth instant, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Bill to provide for the management of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James B. Clendenman* and others, Inhabitants of *Pelham* and *Louth*, in the District of *Niagara*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. E. A. S. Fayette, A. M.*, of *Brantford*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Abijah Blanchard, D. D.*, of *Pelham*, in the District of *Niagara*; the said three Petitions presented to the House on the seventeenth instant, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Cyprian Morgan*, of the Township of *Yonge*, in the *Johnstown* District.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Albert G. Alexander*, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the *Newcastle* District, presented to the House on the eleventh instant, be referred to the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Lafontaine*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend the Law relative to the Administration of Justice in *Lower Canada*; with an Instruction to the said Committee; and to which was also referred the Petition of *E. J. Briggs* and others, Inhabitants of the Municipal District of *Missisquoi*, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report, be referred to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Lafontaine*.

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday next, take into consideration the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, of the 6th of October instant, respecting the Seat of Government, and that the same be the first Order of the Day after that for the call of the House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act now in force for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools, and to grant an in-

demnity for the payment of certain portions of the School moneys for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and further to provide for the apportionment and distribution of the balance of said moneys, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, presented to the House on the twenty-third instant, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members; to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *L. M. Viger*, Mr. *De Witt*, and Mr. *Leslie*, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Sherwood*.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Alexander Finlay*, and other Electors of the County of *Russell*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *William Stewart*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the County of *Russell* in this present Parliament, have leave to adjourn until Tuesday, the 31st instant at eleven o'clock A. M., there being no witnesses in attendance, and this House having appointed that day for the interchange of the Lists of Witnesses between the Parties.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

C. T. Metcalfe.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, that in consequence of the Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council of *Lower Canada*, intitled "An Ordinance to provide for the better internal Government of this Province, by the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities therein," not having been generally carried into effect, it became impracticable to carry out literally the Act of the Parliament of this Province, intitled "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools," and that in *Upper Canada* also the last mentioned act has not generally been complied with, so as strictly to entitle many of the Districts to receive a share of the annual sum appropriated by the said Act for the establishment and maintenance of the Common Schools.

Under these circumstances, the Governor General, with the advice of the Executive Council, directed a distribution of money in aid of the purposes for which the said appropriation was made, as nearly as possible in conformity with the spirit and intention of the said Act, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, leaving a balance undistributed for that year in the hands of the Receiver General, and also leaving the whole sum appropriated for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three to be distributed according to such provision as may be agreed upon in that behalf by the several Branches of the Legislature.

Petition of the
Corporation of
Montreal re-
ferred.

Russell Con-
tested Election.

Common
Schools.