

Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieut. Governor.

Mr. Rolph from the committee, appointed to inquire into the delay of printing the Statutes of the last Session, reported as follows:—

Committee Room, House of
Assembly, December 13th, 1825. }

The committee appointed to inquire into the causes of delay, in printing the Statutes of the last Session of this Parliament report, that the late Session was closed on the 13th day of April, 1825; and the titles of the only Acts which received the royal assent are hereunto annexed.

The Acts came duly into the possession of the proper officer; and as they were so few in number there could be little time required for preparing copies for publication. From some gentlemen of this town engaged in the press, we learn that the statutes might have been printed here at a fair and reasonable price without the inconvenience and delay of sending them to Kingston, a distance of nearly two hundred miles. It also appears before your committee that the copies of the statutes for publication were not even sent to the office of the Chronicle, in Kingston, till a short time before the commencement of the present session; a serious delay, for which your committee can find no excuse, and the censure for which they can attach only to those persons about His Excellency, intrusted with the very important duty of faithfully publishing the laws as early as possible after the public become subject to their operation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ROLPH, *Chairman.*

“An Act for the better regulating the assize and fixing the price of bread in the several police towns throughout this Province.”

“An Act to make good certain monies advanced by His Majesty, pursuant to the address of the House of Assembly at the last session of Parliament to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.”

“An Act to provide for the ascertaining and establishing the division line between the townships of Ancaster and Flamboro' West, in the District of Gore.”

“An Act to repeal part of, and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the 4th year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled “An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Welland Canal Company.”

“An Act to authorise the Justices of the Home District to raise a further sum by loan, to be applied in completing a Gaol and Court House for the said District.”

Mr. Rolph from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of Philo Hawley, informed the House that the committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would please to receive the same.

The report was ordered to be received, and the bill was read the first time.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the bill for the relief of Philo Hawley, be read a second time on Tuesday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clark from the select committee to whom was referred the gaol limits amendment bill, reported that the committee had considered the bill and made some amendments, to which he was desired to request the concurrence of the House.

The report was ordered to be received.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the gaol limits amendment bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Perry from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Seaman and others, reported that the committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would please to receive the same.

The report was ordered to be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the Fredericksburgh survey bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves for leave to bring in a bill to facilitate the recovery of dower.

Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the dower relief bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Thomson, from the committee to whom was referred the several petitions from the District of Gore, reported that the committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was directed to submit whenever the House would please receive it.

The report was ordered to be received and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Matthews, moves that the Gore District gaol and court house bill, be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor thanking him for his gracious messages of the 29th ult.

Mr. Thompson was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Thompson reported the address without amendment.

The report was ordered to be received.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the absconding debtors arrest bill, was read the second time.

Mr. Lefferty, seconded by Mr. Scollick, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole upon the absconding debtors bill.

Which was carried, and Mr. Atkinson was called to the chair of the committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Atkinson reported the committee had risen.

Agreeably to the order of the day the dog tax bill was read the second time.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. McDonald, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole upon the dog tax bill.

Which was carried and Mr. Baby was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Baby reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor thanking him for his messages of the 29th ult. was read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:—