

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from Messieurs Crane and Allison, of Westmorland, praying for a return of Duties paid on Tea imported into the Province, via Halifax : and

A Petition from Thomas Hayward, praying an allowance may be made him for teaching a School in the Parish of Lancaster.

ORDERED, That the Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Armstrong, Robert Watson, George W. Bondman and others, of Charlotte County, praying an Act of Incorporation for the Bolton Brook Navigation Company.

ORDERED, That the Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 8th February, 1843.

PRESENT :

THE HON.

*Mr. Black,
Mr. Baillie,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Chandler.*

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Lee,*

The Honorable Mr. Black sat President.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, lays before the House copies of the following extracts from Despatches received by him from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

CRIMINAL LAW.

EXTRACT OF A DESPATCH FROM LORD STANLEY TO SIR WM. COLEBROOKE.

[No. 96.]

Downing Street, 30th August, 1842.

I have had under my consideration five Acts passed by the Legislature of New Brunswick in the months of March and April last, and transmitted in your Despatch, No. 61, of the 14th of June last, entitled—

(No. 1421) "An Act to amend the Law relating to the punishment of offences :"

(No. 1422) "An Act to amend the Law relating to Burglary :"

(No. 1423) "An Act further to amend the Law relating to offences against the person :"

(No. 1424) "An Act to amend the Law relating to Robbery :"

(No. 1425) "An Act to amend the Laws relating to burning or destroying Buildings or Ships."

The last four of these Acts have been passed with the intention of assimilating the Law in New Brunswick, on the subject of them, to the recent amendments in the British Law made by the Acts 7 W. 1, and 1 Victoria, c. 85, 86, 87 and 89, with which they agree very closely. I observe however that where the British Statute has the punishment of transportation for life or imprisonment for not more than three years, the Colonial Act substitutes *imprisonment for life*, or not less than three years.

I do not find in the English Act any clause corresponding to the 10th of 1425, which provides that every punishment by this Act imposed on any person maliciously committing any offence, shall equally apply and be enforced, whether the offence be committed from malice conceived against the owner of the