

Militia, and was accordingly ordered by the Government to join the Embodied Militia, which was done in virtue of the Provincial Statute fifty-second Geo. III. a Statute under which the Petitioner possessed no ground of exemption, nor had the power of delegating a substitute. That the United States of *America* having declared War against *Great Britain*, and threatening this Colony with immediate invasion, the Petitioner, although originally bound to serve for ninety days only, was compelled by Law as well as urged by his own zeal and loyalty, to continue to serve in the Militia until Peace was made; in doing which, he trusts he has well deserved of his country.—That the Petitioner has completed five years of Clerkship, excepting, however, out of that period, the portion of time during which he was absent on service upon the frontiers and in *Upper-Canada*, in the defence of his country, as aforesaid.—Lastly, that the Petitioner, although at present competently qualified, would, under the existing Law, be obliged to continue to serve as a Clerk for a further portion of time equal to that of his aforesaid absence, before it will become possible to obtain admission to practise as an Advocate, Attorney and Counsel, whence would result considerable delay and detriment to the Petitioner.—Wherefore the Petitioner humbly applies to the House, praying that his case be taken into consideration, and that such Act for his relief be passed, as the House, in its wisdom, may deem meet.

On motion of Mr. *A. Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Lagueux*,

RESOLVED, That the said Petition be referred to a Committee of five Members, to examine the matter thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons and papers.

ORDERED, That Mr. *A. Stuart*, Mr. *Vanfelson*, Mr. *Taschereau*, Mr. *Vézina*, and Mr. *Viger*, do compose the said Committee.

A Petition of divers inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*, and adjacent parts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. *Vanfelson*, and the same was received and read;—
SETTING FORTH:—That the existing Law regulating the currency and value of Coin, being insufficient with respect to Copper Coin, there
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