who fell just fallen upon the side-walk, and whose face was completely covered with blood, which he appeared to have been vomiting in large quantities for some time previous to his fall, proving clearly that his death had been caused by the sudden bursting of a blood-vessel. The patient referred to, we soon ascertained, was Mr James H. Down, formerly a well-known and respectable merchant of this community, but latterly a resident of the United States.

Mr Down had, for several months previous to his decease, been in a declining state of health, and seems to have had a distinct premonition of his approaching fate, for he remarked to a friend only an hour or two previous to his sudden removal, that "he would see him in his coffin before the expiration of a week"! Mr Down was buried by the masonic fraternity, of which he was a member, with masonic honors, on Monday last.

Another very sudden death occurred a day previous (Friday,) at Mount's Mill, York River. Mr Jonathan Rattry, of Rustico Road, it appears, on getting into his cart, to return home, remarked that he felt unwell, and died a few minutes afterwards.—Mon.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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MONDAY, April 1.

After two or three petitions were presented, the House again resolved itself into Committee on the Tenants' petitions.

Hon. Mr COLES continued his speech of Saturday evening, which occupied the time of the Committee for upwards of an hour. He referred to information which he had given the Committee in 1837, which showed that at that time but few of the Townships but the centre of number mentioned in the original grants. He also remarked that he believed the very object of the Government in purchasing Lot 34, was to place a class of settlers there for the purpose of occupying that District, so as to ensure the return of rents of their respective. He understood that the Government of Nova Scotia told that if they did not purchase and let Lot 34, that people would be up from Newfoundland in the spring to settle it; but he hoped that the Ballroom House [illegible] to purchase land for the sake of a vote. With respect to the paragraph in the Royal Gazette, about the award [illegible] recently entered at home, he said the members of the Government had endeavored to explain it away as well as they could, by saying that they never saw it. But it first appeared in the Royal Gazette, and it was well known that every paragraph of the Government new that paper—as they ought to be—before it appeared. If it contained false statements, [illegible] he said that every effort was responsible to the Government for his acts, and if the Queen's Printer had published an incorrect statement, he ought to be called to account. Gentlemen opposite had remarked that if the Award Bill had been sent home, the Commissioners would not have been appointed. If this were true, then the Commissioners was obtained under false pretences, and it appeared as if the Government were disposed to carry out the deception with the people. It had been objected against the petitions that a number of the signatures had been written by the same hand. Several of the petitions had been signed at public meetings, and as all people were not [illegible] enough to put down the names of parties. With respect to the resolution of the hon. member from Tryon, that His Excellency should be requested to use his influence, with the proprietors to prevent distraint for rent, he (Mr Coles) would remind that he understood His Excellency had done so; but without any [illegible] result, as he had no power in the case. In regard to the "Whereas" of the resolution, he believed not a member of the House could safely vote for it. He had introduced a similar resolution on one occasion, in amendment to a paragraph in the address to answer to the Governor's speech, but it was not negatived.

Hon. Mr PALMER said he was sick and tired of this subject. He had now for about the 10th time listened to the hon. leader of the Opposition's tossing over the same matter. One reason why he (Mr St Audrey) would not support the resolution of the hon. member who had just sat down, was because it contemplated legislation as a matter that had passed into arbitrators' hands. The house had no right to interfere in what had been referred to others. The settlement of the disputes between landlords and tenants had been submitted to three competent persons, and no legislative [illegible] had to the question until their award was given. He would support the amendment before the Committee.

Hon. the SPEAKER said there had been a great deal of discussion on this subject, and certainly it would be better if [illegible] member would keep to the point under consideration. How [illegible] party got up was not for him to say. He saw one signed by a number of his constituents, and to read it, a person would think that the proprietor had been pouring down upon them; but he learned from that gentleman that he received one-[illegible] from all his tenants, except two persons, and that he did not intend to distrain upon them until next year. This being the case, he (the Speaker) did not see what reason the people there had to petition for such a measure. He thought a number of them who had signed the petition were under the impression that what was intended was something like that proposed in the resolutions introduced by Mr Howat. He saw some of his constituents before he came to this House, and he thought that if they had wished anything of the kind mentioned in the petitions they would have informed him. He would support the amendment, as it was his views, and he thought it would accomplish what was desired, as in his opinion, none of the proprietors would exhibit the request.

Hon. Mr POPE said he very much regretted that he was absent from the Island when the Commissioners held their Court, and also when this subject was discussed at the opening of the present session. He had, however, heard a few of the speeches in this debate, and excepting the position which he did in the Gallery, he would not give a silent vote on this question. The members of the hon. leader of the Opposition asked for action to prevent distraints for arrears of rent; but when he looked at the petition Andrew the Committee, he found that was not their prayer, they asked for action to prevent distraints for rent and arrears of rent—they wished to go into the whole matter. He was not all desirous about the Commission as some others; and had stated in the House last winter that he did not consider petitions were [illegible] in holding out such hope to the country as they did. He had not signed the reference, but always intended to submit to the recommendation of the Commissioners. He stated that one of the petitions was from a part of his own district—Lot 37; but he did not believe that it originated on the part of the [illegible] which he had to do. His tenants had no complaint to bring before the Commission. The petition had a tie on the face of it, because they said they had paid one year's rent, which was not the case. One whose name was to the petition had come and paid his rent unasked. He had never had any [illegible] with his tenants since the rising of the Commissioners, and he did not intend to; so they had no occasion to come to this House asking for a measure to prevent the collection of arrears of rent. He felt sorry when he came home last autumn to see the spirit of hostility to the Commission which had arisen in the Colony. It did not come well from the leader of the Opposition, who opposed the Commission from the first to send [illegible] to pass an Act to carry out a recommendation of the Commission. Since that time all about the Government out [illegible] Commissioners to the Commissioners. He considered that the Government had all along had done what they could. An address had been passed by the majority of the House to have an arbitration settlement [illegible] but the authorities there were not satisfied with that, and said they did not wish the Commission to be removed in any way. This suggestion was fully backed up by the majority of the House, and the Commissioners went to work. But a word could be said against the Commissioners; all parties admitted that none better could be found for the duty cast on them. The land question was one which had caused much agitation in the country, and it was perhaps an [illegible] to get up petitions on the subject. [The honorable gentleman then read an extract from a speech of Hon. Mr Coles in 1851 in favor of the Escheat.] That was the opinion [illegible] the numerous petitions coming from the country for an Escheat Act; but it was well enough for him to protest that the petitioners were not got up for the purpose of [illegible] All this fuss made by hon. members opposite was to [illegible] the people and get themselves [illegible] He (Mr Pope) considered the Government [illegible] right to do in regard to the [illegible] Commissioners, but to advocate [illegible] was going before them! The Government [illegible] Mr Fraser, who was well [illegible] and who, by the appointment of Sheriff, was [illegible] and what right had they to [illegible] and which rewards no one should think had been [illegible] Government [illegible] it gave many persons to the [illegible] [illegible] Government [illegible] Mr Fraser [illegible] Government [illegible] Mr Fraser [illegible] Government [illegible] Mr Fraser