

preventing fraud and imposition, hitherto, in that particular, too successfully practised on the Province.

Mr. Graftie also delivered to the House the several Documents referred to in the foregoing Report ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Report, and the Documents, do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

A Petition of Nathaniel Melvin was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is an Insolvent Debtor, having a wife and nine children, and now confined in the County Jail of Halifax, and praying for relief.

A Petition of David Dickey, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Wells, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are Proprietors of a large Tract of Salt Marsh Land, on the River Cunard, in the said Township, and have, for several years past, been engaged in making of Dykes, and building an Aboiteau over the said River, for the purpose of securing the said Land from the Sea ; and upon which work they have already expended the sum of £12,000. That in the month of August last, when the said Aboiteau was nearly completed, unfortunately for the Petitioners, a great Breach was made in the same from the Water undermining part of the work. That the Petitioners, notwithstanding the heavy loss they have thus sustained are determined to persevere in the undertaking ; and that the completion of the Aboiteau will afford a convenient Road Way for the benefit of the public, as well as otherwise be of public utility, and praying the House will take the premises into consideration, and grant to the Petitioners such pecuniary aid as to them may seem fit.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 22d February, 1823.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, proceed to the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

An engrossed Bill to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or on the public Roads of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts, therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax or other Towns, or on the public Roads of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend several Acts relating to Firewards to the Town of Picton : and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at Twelve of the Clock.

Monday, 24th February, 1823.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to extend several Acts relating to Firewards to the Town of Picton, was read a second time,

Resolved,