

WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1817.

*Resolved*,—That Samuel Wentworth Monk, one of the Joint Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal, has refused to exhibit certain Records in his possession at Quebec, which he was ordered to produce by the Special Committee appointed to investigate the charges against Lewis Charles Foucher, Esq.

*Resolved*,—That the said Samuel Wentworth Monk has thereby been guilty of a contempt of this House, and a violation of its privileges.

*Resolved*,—That the said Samuel Wentworth Monk be taken into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, or one of his Deputies, and that Mr. Speaker do issue his warrant accordingly.

FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1817.

The Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House reported at the Bar, that in conformity to the order of this House of the nineteenth instant, Samuel Wentworth Monk, Esq. Joint Prothonotary of the Court of King's Bench of Montreal, had been taken into custody, and was at the door waiting the orders of the House.

*Ordered*,—That Samuel Wentworth Monk, Esq., now in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, for contempt and a breach of the privileges of this House, for said offence be committed to the common gaol of this District, and that the Speaker do issue his warrant accordingly.

SATURDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1817.

Mr. Speaker stated to the House as followeth :

That he had this morning, in obedience to the commands of the House, signed the Warrant for the commitment of Samuel Wentworth Monk, Esq., to the common gaol of the District of Quebec.

After which,

The Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms at the Bar, acquainted the House, that in obedience to its commands, he had lodged the body of Samuel Wentworth Monk, one of the Joint Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal, in the common gaol of the District of Quebec, and that he now holds the gaoler's receipt for the body of the said Samuel Wentworth Monk.

Mr. Monk did not relish his commitment to the common gaol ; nor did he approve of the personal degradation which the proceeding involved. He therefore prepared a petition which, at his request, Mr. Ogden, a member of the Assembly, presented to the House. The Petitioner, having stated his case, concluded by praying to be heard at the bar, with a view to his speedy liberation. This proceeding on his part did not conciliate members. On the