

certain harbours in the County of Northumberland. Ordered, that the said Bill pass; and be sent up to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. *James Taylor*, by leave, brought in a petition from sundry inhabitants of the River St. John, praying that this House will institute an inquiry, what the effect may be, should the Split Rock in the Falls at the mouth of the River be removed, and praying for aid to do the same. Ordered, that the petition be received, and lay on the table.

Mr. *Wetmore*, by leave, brought in a Bill to continue an Act intituled "An Act to prevent illicit and clandestine trade, and for imposing a duty upon articles illegally imported and brought into this Province to be levied and paid after the condemnation and sale thereof."—Which was read a first time.

House in Committee, Mr. *James Fraser* in the Chair;—Went into consideration of the Bill for better regulating the Militia in the Province. The *Speaker* resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the business before them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again; and that in the Committee, the following provision was moved for and seconded, to wit,

Provided always, that all such persons whose various avocations shall or may interfere with and prevent their attendance on the days and times above appointed for the drill, shall be at liberty to attend at any time and times convenient to themselves and the persons under this Act appointed to drill them, within one month from the times by this Act prescribed, paying the persons so appointed to drill them *four shillings* per day for each days attendance, to be paid equally by the person so drilled; and any person deficient in, or who shall delay payment of such drills after their service is from time to time completed, shall be liable to the same fine as he would have incurred by non appearance altogether at the regular days and times appointed by this Act for the drilling the Militia.

Upon which the Committee divided, as follows,

FOR THE PROVISION.

Mr. *Humbert*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Street*,
Mr. *M'Leod*,
Mr. *P. Fraser*,
Mr. *J. Taylor*,
Mr. *Agnew*.

AGAINST IT.

Mr. *W. Pagan*,
Mr. *R. Pagan*,
Mr. *Dunn*,
Mr. *Chapman*,
Mr. *Ward*,
Mr. *Speaker*,
Mr. *Wetmore*,
Mr. *Yeamans*,
Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *Campbell*,
Mr. *M'Donald*,

And that it therefore passed in the negative. Which report is accepted.

Message from the Council requesting a conference with the House of Assembly on the subject of the Bill for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts. The House agreed to the conference requested, and ordered that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Chapman* acquaint the Council therewith; and that they be a Committee to manage the said conference.

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