

Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed, and that the title be "*An Act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners for erecting certain Public Works therein mentioned.*"

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Charlotte-Town, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. Dalrymple, and the same was received and read; setting forth—that the Petitioners are of opinion that if a proportion of the proposed issue of Treasury Notes was in Five Shilling Notes, it would greatly facilitate commercial transactions, and prove of much convenience to the public, on account of the scarcity of specie in circulation within this Colony—and praying the House to enact that a proportion of the proposed issue be in Notes of that description.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Pope reported from the Committee appointed to inquire into the best mode of establishing additional Ports of Entry for Coasters and Vessels trading to the North American Colonies—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

Your Committee having maturely considered the subject to them referred, and having examined the Officers of the Customs, and others, respecting the grievance so long and justly complained of, by Owners of Coasters, and Vessels trading to the other North American Colonies, beg to report, that as there is only one Custom-House for the whole Island, and which is situate in Charlotte-Town, numerous vessels arriving at other Ports, however distant from that Town, must all enter and clear at the said Custom-House, and thereby many owners lose, in time and charges of travelling for those purposes, a large proportion of the amount of freight earned; besides the loss incurred by vessels being compelled to lie idle, while masters or owners are so absent—not to mention the risk often run in leaving vessels unprotected in remote places. As a further very striking proof of the inconveniences to which Ship-masters are exposed under the present system, Your Committee beg to mention, that from Castumpec, on the West, to Charlotte-Town, is a distance of nearly eighty miles, with a Road for half the distance that can scarcely be travelled at any time or season of the year, and at times is actually impassable—and always requires from five to seven days, with a good horse, to come to and return from Charlotte-Town—a duty to be performed at each entry, inwards and outwards, however small the craft, if subject to entry.—And, on the Eastward, the same may be stated of vessels entering and clearing from Bay of Fortune and Rollo Bay, a distance of fifty miles and upwards from Charlotte-Town—without noticing many intermediate Ports in each of the Counties of King's County and Prince County, at from thirty to forty miles distance from Charlotte-Town.

Your Committee would remark, that as Charlotte-Town Harbor is nearly in the centre of Queen's County, and is the

only Harbor of any consequence in the County, excepting those in its immediate vicinity, and to which the established Custom-House is sufficiently convenient—they therefore consider that no other Port of Entry than Charlotte-Town is required for Queen's County.

Your Committee would recommend to the House, that an Address be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to use his influence in the proper quarter to have the following Harbours made Ports of Entry, viz.

Three Rivers and Saint Peter's, in King's County: and Princetown and Bedeque, in Prince County.

Resolved, that the House do agree to the Report.

Ordered, that Mr. Pope, Mr. Binns and Mr. Owen be a committee to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in conformity with the said Report.

The Bill to confirm and render valid certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in this Island, and to enable Clergymen and Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations to perform the ceremony of Matrimony, was, pursuant to order, read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Brecken, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted to His Majesty this Session—presented the draught of a Bill, and the same was received and read the first time.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill for the more effectual administration of Justice, being read;

Mr. Owen moved, that the said Bill be now read a second time;

Which being seconded—

Mr. Pope moved, in amendment, that One Hundred copies of the said Bill be printed for the use of Members, and that the further consideration thereof be postponed until an early period of next Session—and the motion being seconded, and the question put on the amendment—the House divided:

Yeas.

Mr. Pope,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Green,
Mr. Compton,
Mr. Brenun,
Mr. J. S. McDonald,
Mr. Willock.

Nays.

Mr. Owen,
Mr. Cody,
Mr. Brecken,
Mr. Binns,
Mr. H. McDonald,
Mr. Dalrymple,
Mr. McNeil.

The House being equally divided, Mr. Speaker voted against the amendment.

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the original motion—the House divided: