

find relief by the introduction of Laws and regulations relative thereto, or by adopting the Laws existing in the Mother Country, in similar cases made and provided, under such restrictions as the situation of the Country requires, and the Parliament in its Wisdom may see fit to adopt.

That the Petitioners also further most humbly represent, that many of them frequently suffer heavy losses, in consequence of Persons having it in their power to quit the Province suddenly, altho' justly indebted to them and others his Majesty's subjects, in sums of money under Ten Pounds sterling; there being at present no Laws existing (to the knowledge of the Petitioners) to prevent such injurious practice, and the local situation of this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, very much favors the same.

The Petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that this House will be pleased to take their situation individually, and as connected with the general good of the Country, into its consideration, and bring forward a Bill to grant them such relief, as to the House may seem fit and expedient.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to remove any doubts which may arise touching the validity of certain proceedings in the Court of King's Bench for Criminal causes at *Quebec*; which said Court was not held in last September term, from the absence of the Chief Justice of the Province: and which more effectually provides for holding the said Court in future, at the periods fixed by Law, in the several Districts of *Quebec*, *Montreal* and *Three Rivers*,—being read:

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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