

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wightman took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wightman* reported, that the Committee had come to two Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. *Wightman* also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were then read by the Clerk, and on the question being severally put thereon, were agreed to by the House, and are as follow:

1. **RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Special Committee be appointed, to inquire into the present method of paying for contract work on Roads and Bridges, and to report on such alterations in that department of the public service as may be deemed necessary.

2. **RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient that a good and sufficient analytical Index be compiled for the second volume of the Acts of the General Assembly of this Island, and that the House be recommended, when in Committee of Supply, to provide a sufficient sum to defray the expense thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thornton*, the Hon. Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Yeo*, Mr. *Coles*, Mr. *Rae*, Mr. *Macintosh*, and the Hon. *J. S. Macdonald* be a Committee, for the purpose mentioned in the First of the above reported Resolutions, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Three Rivers, and others, was presented to the House by Mr. *Thornton*, and the same was received and read, praying that an Act may pass for the encouragement and protection of the Mackerel Fishery.

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at Ten o'clock.

MONDAY, March 10, 1845.

TWO Petitions were presented to the House by Mr. *Yeo*, and the same were received and read, viz:

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Seven and Eight, praying for a continuance of the Post communication between Cascumpeque and the West Cape.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Four, Seven and Eight, and West Cape, praying that the remaining part of the road between the West Cape and the Main Western Road may be opened; and also for a grant to improve the road leading from the Western Road to Holloran's.

Ordered, That the two preceding Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Bill to continue the Act to prevent Hawkers and Pedlars travelling and selling

in this Island without Licence; the Bill to continue the Act relating to sick and indigent Emigrants; the Bill to continue the Act, intituled "An Act to consolidate, amend, and reduce into one Act, the several Acts, and parts of Acts, relating to the qualifications and mode of summoning Grand and Petit Jurors;" and the Bill to continue an Act intituled "An Act to alter, and in addition to an Act made and passed in the Tenth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, relating to the laying out and altering of Highways, and for other purposes therein mentioned," were, according to order, severally read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.