

Mr. Ruggles and read, praying a grant to aid them in erecting a slip or landing at Victoria Beach.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

Navigation securities committee

A petition of the colored inhabitants of Bridgetown, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Ruggles and read, praying a grant to aid them in erecting a school house.

Petition for aid to colored school, Bridgetown

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.

Education committee

A petition of inhabitants of Westport, in Digby county, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the house to take measures for the protection of the cod fishery against the destructive practice of trawl-fishing.

Petition for legislation as to cod fishery

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the fisheries.

Fishery committee

A petition of Messrs. King and brothers, mail contractors, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the making of an arrangement with them for conveying the mails from Windsor to Annapolis for a term of years.

Petition of King and brothers

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.

Post office committee

A petition of Samuel Morehouse, formerly courier between Digby and Westport, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying reimbursement of expense incurred by him during several years in crossing the ferry at Petite passage.

Petition of S. Morehouse

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.

Post office committee

A petition of inhabitants of township of Hillsburgh, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for the construction of a draw-bridge across Bear River.

Petition for erection of Bear River bridge

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of inhabitants of the counties of Annapolis and Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying a grant for the building of horse boat for the ferry at Bear River.

Petition for horse boat at Bear River

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

Navigation securities committee

A petition of Thomas Ward, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying compensation for the loss of his house and outhouses by fire occasioned by sparks from one of the railway engines.

Petition Thomas Ward

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Bent, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Locke, to examine and report thereon.

Select committee

A petition of E. P. Archbold, overseer of the poor for the township of Sydney, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying reimbursement of the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.

Report of E. P. Archbold, overseer, Sydney

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the relief committee.

Relief committee

A petition of George Hill, of Mire, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying a bounty for the erection of an oat mill.

Petition for oat mill at Mire, C. B.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on agriculture.

Agriculture committee

A petition of Roderick McCuish and others, of Mire, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying reimbursement of several small sums of money lost by them in course of transmission through the post office.

Pet. of R. McCuish and others

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.

Post office committee

The honorable the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the governor, presented to the house a memorial to his excellency from the inhabitants of the town of Sydney, Cape Breton, and its vicinity, complaining of inadequate and irregular postal communication, and suggesting several improvements in the conveyance of the eastern mail.

Memorial from Sydney, C. B., at to post office

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.

Post office committee