

a grievous inconvenience to house keepers and other inhabitants.

Your Petitioners believe that no Town within Her Majesty's Dominions, possessing one fourth the population of St. John's, is without a Market House; and it is an object of surprise to strangers, and of regret to all, that the Capital of this Colony is left so long without such a necessary convenience.

Without pretending to dictate to your Honorable House, Petitioners would venture to submit to you some of the results of their investigations.

They believe that for the comparatively small sum of £2,000 Stg., aided by a free grant of water, paving stones or flags, and Gas, a suitable Market House of corrugated Iron or of Mason work, could be erected on some of the steep Streets in St John's, especially on the Church Hill, which, for its central position, the proximity of the Public Wharf, and facilities for being flushed and kept clean, seems peculiarly suitable.

They calculate that the annual rents and profits of the Market would nearly meet the annual expenses, including 5 per cent interest on the outlay.

They suggest that for the erection and support of such a local institution, the Licence fund collected in St John's be appropriated, or a loan of money on Government security. And they pray that such Enactments as shall be necessary to carry into effect this most desirable project, may be passed during the present Session of Your Honorable House; And, as in duty bound, Your Petitioners will ever pray.

JAMES J. ROGERSON,

*President.*

W. F. RENNIE,

*Secretary.*

*Ordered,*—That the said Message and Petition do lie upon the table.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice, and on leave granted, presented a Bill to Incorporate sundry persons, by the name of the St. John's Market Company, which was read a first time.

*Ordered,*—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. MARCH, pursuant to notice, and on leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Act for the protection of the Herring and Salmon Fisheries, which was read a first time.

*Ordered,*—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that, on Wednesday next, he will move the House into Committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill for the erection of a Light-house on the Western coast of this Island.