

Petitions read.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *John Jefferies*, Esquire, and others, of *Rawdon* and other Townships, in the Counties of *Leinster* and *Berthier*; praying that the said Counties may be divided into three Counties, as is proposed by a Bill now before the Legislature,—that free grants of certain lands be made to actual settlers,—and that the price of certain other lands be lowered.

Of *Alexander Graham*, of the Township of *Thora*; representing that a Clergy Reserve lot in the said Township upon which he settled in 1844, and on which he has made improvements, understanding that he would have the right of purchase, has been sold to another person under false pretences, and praying for justice in the premises.

Of *Walter O'Hara*, of *Toronto*, Esquire, late Assistant Adjutant General of Militia; complaining of his removal from the said office in the year 1846, after a service of nineteen years, without any sufficient cause having been assigned therefor, or any other provision made for him, and praying for justice in the premises.

Of *J. E. LeBlanc*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Charles* and other Parishes; praying that the Circuit Town of the Circuit of *Richelieu* may be established at *St. Denis*.

Of *James G. Rogers* and others, of *Haldimand*, *Seymour*, and *Percy*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the *Cobourg* and *Grafton* Road Company to construct a Branch Road through certain Townships, to the River *Trent*.

Of *R. J. Williams*, late Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Sullivan* at the Election for the County of *Waterloo*; representing that he has received the summons to appear at the bar of the House, but that he is entirely precluded from a compliance therewith from the want of funds to bear his expenses, and praying for relief in the premises.

Of *John McGrick* and others; praying that the offices of Police Inspector and Superintendent, Police Magistrate, and Queen's Counsel, may be separated, and for certain alterations in the manner of proceeding in the Police Court, Criminal Term, and Quarter Sessions.

Of the President and Directors of the *Desjardins* Canal Company; praying for a certain amendment to the Act authorizing them to borrow a certain sum of money for the completion of the said Canal.

Of *François Dupin* and others, of the Parish of *St. François du Lac*; taking notice of the Petition of *Pierre Cartier* and others, praying for the confirmation of the appointment of certain Trustees for the construction of a new Church at the Parish of *St. François du Lac*,—and praying the House not to confirm the same.

Of the Reverend *George Slack* and others, of the County of *Shefford*; praying that that part of the Eastern Townships lying between *Lake Memphrémagog* and *Missisquoi Bay*, the Province Line, and the Seigniories, may be formed into a separate Judicial District.

Of the *Saint Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company; praying for certain additional powers.

Of *John Hammill*, of the Town of *Brantford*, District of *Gore*; praying for the payment of a certain amount due him for building a Bridge across the Grand River at *Brantford*, and also another across the small channel on the west side of the said River.

Of *Pierre Noël* and others, of that part of the Parish of *Contrecoeur* called *La Grande Source*; praying to be annexed to the County of *Verchères*.

Of *Josiah Timmis*, of *Montreal*; praying remuneration for his services in examining the most favorable line for a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*, and otherwise promoting that object.

Of *David Wylie* and others, Reporters engaged on

the *Montreal Press*; praying compensation for their labours in publishing the Debates in the House.

Of *François Desaulnier*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *St. Maurice*; praying for the repeal of the Navigation Laws,—for encouragement to Canadian Agriculture and Manufactures,—for a reduction in the rates of Postage,—for a more popular Education Law,—that summonses to Jurors and Witnesses may be in French, their mother tongue,—that Jurors be paid,—for the repeal of the laws prescribing the form of winter vehicles,—for alterations in the Seigniorial tenure of land,—that the jurisdiction of the Courts for the trial of Small Causes be extended,—and that indemnification for Rebellion Losses in *Lower Canada* be granted, and the general amnesty concurred in.

Of *John G. Booth* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize Thomsonian Physicians to prescribe, and to collect payment for their professional services.

Ordered, That the Petition of the City Council of the City of *Hamilton*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders. Petition of City Council of Hamilton;

Resolved, That that part of the Petition of *Samuel S. Cole*, of the Village of *Colborne*, in the District of *Newcastle*, praying for a charter to form a Pier and Harbour in front of Lot No. 29 broken front Concession B, of the Township of *Cramahe*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Smith*, of *Durham*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Fergusson*, Mr. *Seymour*, and Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Of S. S. Cole;

Ordered, That the Petition of *John M. Glover* and others, of the Village and vicinity of *Colborne*, which relates to the granting of a charter to *Samuel S. Cole* to construct a Pier and Harbour, be referred to the said Committee. Of J. M. Glover and others, referred.

The Honorable Mr. *Bouillon*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twelfth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:— Twelfth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *P. P. Russell* and others, for incorporation of the *Montreal* and *Missisquoi* Railroad Company,—and of the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company relative to the extension of the said Railroad, and find that the requisite notices have not been given; in the latter case, however, a notice was published in the *Canada Gazette* from June to the 23d December, in the English language, but notices were not affixed to the church doors of the Parishes through which the proposed line would pass, as required by the 66th Rule.

On motion of Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Polette*, Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prescott*, have leave to adjourn until Tuesday, the twentieth instant, to give time to the parties to take evidence before Commissioners. Prescott Election.

Mr. *Guy*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the City of *Montreal*, presented to the House the Report of the Committee; which was read, as followeth:— Report on Petition of J. Donegani.

Your Committee having attentively examined the Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the City of *Montreal*, referred to them by Your Honorable House, and perused the documentary evidence in support thereof, beg leave respectfully to report:—

That the case of the Petitioner has not only been already laid before Your Honorable House, but the