

*Ordered*, that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor:

*May it please your Excellency;*

We are directed by the House to wait upon your Excellency, and to request that you will be pleased to cause the Contract entered into for the Conveyance of the Mails, to and from Pictou, during the past year, to be laid before the House, together with a Return of the number of Mails received by said Conveyance, and the number of Passengers reported at the Post Office, during the same period.

*Ordered*, that Mr. Pope and Mr. Hyndman be a Committee to wait on His Excellency with the above Message.

*Ordered*, that the Committee appointed to report on the expediency of renewing and amending the School Act, have power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Five Members be appointed to inquire into and report

on the present mode of conveying the Mails, by the Winter route, and on the expediency of improving the same, by providing proper Boats and adopting other precautions for the safety of the Mails and Passengers.

*Ordered*, that Mr. Owen, Mr. Pope, Mr. J. S. Macdonald, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Dalrymple do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Brennan—

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Seven Members be appointed to inquire into the expediency of consolidating and amending the Election Laws, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, that Mr. Brennan, Mr. Binns, Mr. Pope, Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Green, Mr. J. S. Macdonald and Mr. Owen do compose the said Committee.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Ten o'clock.

## WEDNESDAY, February 12th, 1834.

### PRAYERS.

**O**RDERED, that Mr. Brennan have leave to bring in a Bill, to explain an Act of the 11th Geo. 4th, Cap. 5, intituled "An Act to require Clergymen and others authorized to solemnize Marriages, to return Certificates thereof to the Surrogate of the Island; and to require Clergymen to keep a Record of Baptisms," in so far as the same may affect the celebration of Marriages by Clergymen of the Church of Rome.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Pope, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Message of yesterday, praying that he would cause the Contract for the Conveyance of the Mails last Summer to be laid before the House, reported the delivery thereof, and that His Excellency was pleased to say he would give directions accordingly.

John Lawson, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor General for this Island, elected a Member for the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town, in the Room of the Honorable John Brecken, removed to His Majesty's

Council, appeared at the Bar, and having been led into the body of the House, and introduced to the Speaker, by Mr. Dalrymple and Mr. J. S. Macdonald, two of the Members, took the Oaths and his seat.

A Petition of John Frederick Holland, of Charlotte-Town, Esquire, whose name is thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. Brennan—and Mr. Speaker having signified that the Petitioner had given approved security for the payment of expenses, as required by the Standing Order of the House—the said Petition was received and read; setting forth—That the Petitioner was one of the Candidates at the late Election for the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town—that at the close of the Poll the Returning Officer declared John Lawson, Esq. duly elected, stating that he had one vote more than Petitioner, which Petitioner denies—for, on examining the copy of the Poll Book furnished him, he found the name of "Samuel Woolsey" inserted as having voted in favour of Mr. Lawson, whereas it is a well known fact, since admitted by the Returning Officer, that the said Samuel Woolsey never voted at all. That there are also many objectionable votes entered upon the Poll Book, which, on investigation will be found ought not to have been received. For these and