

Referred to the committee on the petition of R. McHefly and others.

Mr. Esson introduced a Bill to Incorporate the Committee of the Halifax Library.

He also presented the petition of Dr. Twinning, and others in favor of the relief of Francis Paul, an old and destitute Indian. He is the Chief of the remnant of the Tribe—is nearly 100 years old. The petition prayed for a small annual pension for the rest of his life.

Hon. Joseph Howe would give him £10 or £12 a year out of the Indian grant.

Also, the petition of John Martin and others of Ketch Harbour, praying the House not to alter the present mail route there.

Mr. Smith presented 24 petitions for aid to roads in Hants county.

Martin I. Wilkins presented the petition of Paul Murphy and others, for remuneration for services as Jurymen in the case of Mr. Martin, in Sydney, C.B. Referred to the Committee on the petition of Charles F. Harrington.

He also moved that so much of Mr. Martin's petition as referred to pecuniary matters be referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition from Catharine Gore, of Birch Cove, for compensation for damages done her land by the Railway. Laid on the table.

Mr. Wade presented the petition of inhabitants of Digby, for aid towards the public landing; also the petition of Susan Morrell, of Grand Passage, in the county of Digby, for aid to the ferry at that place.

Mr. B. Smith presented a petition from persons in the County of Hants, signed by 200 persons, against the Western Survey for a Railway. He said that it was but one of a large number of such petitions he was in daily expectation of receiving. He moved for a Committee on the subject.

After some conversation between Messrs. Holme, Wade, and B. Smith,

Mr. Dimmock spoke at length in favor of a line to run through the whole of the County of Hants, instead of one which would go through a wilderness, and would benefit only Windsor and Falmouth.

The petition was referred to a committee, composed of Messrs. Marshall, Chipman, Wade, Brown, and McLellan.

Mr. Annand presented a petition from the inhabitants of Dartmouth, setting forth that the Steam Boat Company had raised the annual fares and praying the passage of a Law to prevent the exaction. The Petition was read and Mr. Annand moved the appointment of a select committee.

Mr. Esson said—I am glad this Petition has been presented; an impression has got abroad and seems to prevail extensively that the steam Boat Company were endeavoring to impose on the public. I do not stand here, sir, to advocate the rights of any incorporated Company; and am therefore much pleased that a select Committee has been asked for by my hon. colleague to investigate the matter, for I feel assured that any committee this house may

appoint will bring in such a report as will be entirely satisfactory to all parties—the Petitioners, the public generally, and the Company.

The Petition was referred to a select Committee, composed of Messrs. Annand, Johnston, Wilkins, Howe and McQueen.

Hon. Provincial Secretary, by command, laid on the table copies of Correspondence from Clerks and others of various Public Departments asking increase of salaries.

Hon. Attorney General said that the government had felt the pressure from these quarters very much; those who could subsist on small salaries before the enormous advance in Provisions, now found that they could not do so and requested an increase. A committee should be appointed thoroughly to investigate the subject.

The committee was appointed, composed of Messrs. Wier, Locke, Fulton, Wilkins, and Chipman, to report thereon.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid on the table of the House, by command, copies of correspondence relative to the dismissal of the Post Master at Windsor. Also papers relating to expenditures on Roads and Bridges in the county of Annapolis; also papers connected with the erection of a Bridge over Mill Brook; Also documents relating to the trial of N. H. Martin, including various claims for services rendered at his trial. The latter were referred to the Committee on Petition of Charles F. Harrington.

Hon. Provincial Secretary, by command, laid on the table a memorial from William Elliot praying remuneration for costs incurred in the Admiralty respecting the schooner Creole, which vessel had been seized by a British cruiser and discharged by the Admiralty Court.

Hon. Jos. Howe. It must be considered whether we have any right to pay this claim after a full investigation and a decision in the Admiralty.

Mr. Wier.—One benefit will arise from the Treaty; we shall no longer be required to pay for such expenditures as these. (Laughter.)

Mr. M. I. Wilkins.—Who ought to pay the amount?

Mr. Marshall.—Who ought to pay the damages? Her Majesty's government. They pretended to protect our Fisheries, then gave them away without our consent. We have nothing to do with such claims as this. These masters of men-of-war acted arbitrarily both to our own people and Americans; and now that our Fisheries are gone we have no right to pay such expenses.

Hon. Attorney General spoke on the subject, but being nearly under the gallery could not be understood.

Mr. Whitman said that Mr. Elliott had been suspended from his functions. That office received from Nova Scotia an enormous amount.

Hon. Mr. Fulton, by command, laid on the table of the House, a return of the causes in Court of Chancery from the 1st March, 1851, to 7th February, 1855.

Also, a Report of the Commissioners of St.