

**2d Session, 9th Parliament, 5th Geo : IV.**

Resolved,—That it is expedient to address His Majesty, in behalf of the sufferers, within this Province, by the late war, praying that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to lay the subject before His Imperial Parliament, in order that that relief may be obtained, which the sufferers have long looked for in vain.

Resolved.—That the chairman be instructed to move the House, to have the resolutions of the 29th November relative to the sufferers by the late war, expunged from the journals.

Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the resolutions of this House, relative to the sufferers by the late war, passed on the 29th of November be expunged from the journals.

Which was carried.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, moves that the resolutions of this House, relative to the sufferers by the late war, be communicated to the Honourable the Legislative Council with a request for the concurrence of that Honourable House, thereto.

Which was ordered.

Messrs. Hamilton and Clark were ordered by the Speaker to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council, a message communicating the resolution of this House, of to-day, relative to the sufferers by the late war.

Mr. Attorney General, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill for improvement of arts in this Province, and the petition of William Purdy, of the township of Markham, Miller, submitted a report which was received and read as follows:—

The committee to whom was referred the bill for the encouragement of useful arts in this Province, and also the petition of William Purdy, praying that an act might be passed authorising His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to grant to the petitioner a patent for the discovery of a new mode of preparing wheat for grinding, has taken the same into their consideration, and beg leave to report certain amendments to the said bill.—Your committee think it necessary to report specially upon the said petition, as the adoption of the general bill will supercede the necessity of passing any private Act upon the same subject.

**J. B. ROBINSON, Chairman.**

*Committee Room, House of }  
Assembly, December 15th, 1825. }*

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, moves that this House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole House upon the report of the select committee, to whom was referred the improvement bill,—and also the petition of William Purdy.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Attorney General from the committee to whom was referred the several petitions on the subject of the Welland Canal, informed the House that the committee had agreed to a second report which he was ready to submit whenever the House would please to receive the same.

The report was ordered to be received, and was read as follows:—

See appendix.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that 350 copies of the second report of the Welland Canal committee be printed.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Bidwell, from the committee, to whom was referred the several petitions from the District of Newcastle, informed the House that the committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

The report was ordered to be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Lyons, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the Newcastle court house bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves for leave to bring in a bill to amend the laws now in force for raising and training the militia of this Province.

Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the militia bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the abolition bill was read the second time.

Mr. Playter, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that this House do on to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the abolition of imprisonment for debt in certain cases.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, from the committee appointed to prepare a bill founded on the resolution of this House relative to loaning the Welland Canal Company the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds, reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moves that the Welland Canal loan bill be read a second time on Monday next.

On which the House divided and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Atkinson, Atty. General, Baby, Beasley, Burnham, Clark, Fothergill, Gordon, Hornor, Ingersol, Charles Jones, Jonas Jones, McBride, McDonald, McDonell, Morris, Thompson, Scollick, and White—19.

NAYS.—Messrs. Beardsley, Bidwell, Hamilton, Lafferty, Lyons, Perry, Playter, Randal, Thomson, VanKoughnett, and Walsh—11.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight and ordered accordingly.

Mr. Fothergill, from the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the Land Granting Department reported a draft, which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Fothergill, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the land granting department be read a second time to-morrow.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will move to-morrow that the several reports of the select committee upon the petitions respecting the Welland Canal be referred to a committee of the whole House.

The House adjourned.

*Friday, 16th December, 1825.*

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves for leave to bring up the petition of McDonell and other Roman Catholics, praying for liberty to hold land for religious purposes.

Which was granted, and the petition brought up.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Prince Edward division bill was read the third time.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of the County of Prince Edward into a separate District."

Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Messrs. Thomson and Bidwell were ordered to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council, the bill entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of the County of Prince Edward into a separate District," and to request their concurrence thereto.