

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of Mrs. *M. A. F. Viger* and other Ladies, the Directresses and Officers of the *Montreal Catholic Orphan Asylum*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of *John Jacques* and others, of the City of *Toronto* and of the Home District.

Royal Assent
to a Bill.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *Frederick Starr Jarvis*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Council Chamber.

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Public Bill:—

Partition of
Lands, &c.
Bill.

An Act to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in certain cases in *Lower Canada*.

Petition of
Rev. M. St.
Germain;
Of the Sisters
of the Holy
Cross;
Of L. Comte:
Of V. P. W.
Dorion and
others:

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend Messire *St. Germain*, Curé of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, County of *Montreal*; the Petition of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, County of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Louis Comte*, of the City of *Montreal*, Master Mason and Contractor; and the Petition of *V. P. W. Dorion* and others, Members of the "*Institut Canadien of Montreal*;" be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Of T. C. Lee
and others:

Resolved, That the Petition of *Thomas C. Lee* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, and others interested in the Shipping frequenting the Port of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Méthot*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Cauchon*, and Mr. *Egan*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of J. Clark
and others:

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Clark* and others, of the City of *Montreal* and its vicinity, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, Mr. Solicitor General *Drummond*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Dumas*, and Mr. *Mongenais*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of John Clark,
referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Clark*, of the Parish of *Longue Pointe*, in the District of *Montreal*, Esquire, be referred to the said Committee.

First Report of
Committee on
Contingencies.

Mr. *DeWitt*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to report, That having met this forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the most expedient method of mailing the Letters and Correspondence of Honorable Members, in conformity with the Resolution of Your Honorable House, and that having maturely considered the subject in its various bearings, as well with respect to the convenience of Honorable Members, as to economy, are unanimously of opinion that all Letters, Correspondence, and Papers forwarded

by Members and chargeable against the Contingencies of Your Honorable House, ought to pass through the office thereof.

Mr. *DeWitt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report.

The House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

First Report of
Committee on
Standing
Orders.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *A. Rankin*, Esquire, and others, for the incorporation of the *Huron Copper Bay Company*, and find that the Petitioners have inserted a notice of their application in the *Canada Gazette* for several months past; and inasmuch as the locality referred to in their Petition is beyond the limits of any District, Your Committee beg leave to recommend that the notice be deemed sufficient.

The Petition of *Alfred Digby* and others, of *Brantford* and other Townships, praying for the erection of the said Townships into a separate District, has been also examined by Your Committee, and proof has been laid before them of the publication of notice in a local paper for two months and upwards; but Your Committee would respectfully submit that they do not look upon applications of this nature as coming within the 66th Rule of Your Honorable House, requiring the publication of notice.

The same remark would also apply, in the opinion of Your Committee, to the Petition of the City Council of the City of *Kingston*, praying for amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and the Petition of *Thomas W. Lloyd* and others, members of the *St. George's Society of Quebec*, praying for an Act of Incorporation, in none of which cases is any exclusive right or privilege desired by the Petitioners.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Huron Copper Bay Company*.

Huron Copper
Bay Company
Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Message from
the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Navigation Laws, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and:" And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to the Queen on the subject of the Navigation Laws, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Navigation
Laws.

To His Excellency The Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council