

Tuesday, 17th February, 1795.

THE order of the day for the House to go into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill, for the appointment of Inspectors to ascertain the quality of Staves and Timber for exportation, being read.

On motion of Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Lees*,
Ordered, that the order of the day be discharged.

And on motion of Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Berthelot*,

Ordered, that the Bill for the appointment of Inspectors to ascertain the quality of Staves and Timber for exportation, be committed to five Members, of whom three shall form a *Quorum*, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report with all convenient speed.

Ordered also, that Messieurs *Young*, *Dunier*, *Richardson*, *Lester* and *Jordan* do compose the said Committee.

A petition from sundry Merchants and Inhabitants of the City and District of *Montreal*, whose names are thereunto subscribed; was presented to the House, and read by Mr. *Richardson* in his place.

On motion of Mr. *Richardson*, seconded Mr. *Berthelot*,

Ordered, that the said petition be brought up.

And the same was delivered in at the table, and read in both languages by the Clerk—SETTING FORTH, that the superior Term, for the trial of Civil Causes in HIS MAJESTY'S Court of King's Bench for the District of *Montreal*, should by Law have commenced on Monday the second day of February instant; in consequence whereof upwards of fifty new Actions had been instituted for the said term.

That upwards of two hundred causes have been transmitted from HIS MAJESTY'S late Court of Common Pleas for the said District, to the said Court of King's Bench.

That the said Court hath not yet met according to Law, to the utter suspension of Justice and to the manifest injury of HIS MAJESTY'S subjects, many of whom in the causes transmitted from the said Court of Common Pleas have attended, in consequence of Interlocutors, Rules or orders of said Court, with their witnesses from the *United States of America*, the Province of *Upper Canada* and other distant parts.

And therefore PRAYING THE HOUSE to enquire into the causes, why the course and administration of Justice have been impeded in the said District, and to frame an Act to be passed into a Law, as well to prevent such evils in future, as to indemnify the suitors for the delays they are put to, and the expences they have unavoidably incurred.

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