

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

prevent the operation in this Province of an Act of Parliament made in England in the twenty first year of the reign of His late Majesty King James the First, entitled "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of bastard children," and to make other provision in lieu thereof," was read the first time.

Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill brought down from the Honourable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to prevent the operation in this Province of an Act of Parliament made in England in the twenty-first year of the reign of His late Majesty King James the First, entitled "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of bastard children," and to make other provision in lieu thereof, be read a second time on Thursday next.

Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the bill sent down from the Honourable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to confirm and quiet in the possession of their estates, and to admit to the civil rights of subjects, certain classes of persons therein mentioned."

Mr. Walker in the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Walker reported that the committee had risen and asked leave to sit again tomorrow.

The report was ordered to be received, and leave was granted accordingly.

The House adjourned.

*Tuesday, 6th December, 1825.*

Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McBride, moves for leave of absence after Friday next, during the remainder of the Session.

Which was granted.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the bill, sent down from the Honourable the Legislative Council entitled "An Act to confirm and quiet in the possession of their estates, and to admit to the civil rights of subjects, certain classes of persons therein mentioned,"

Mr. Walker in the Chair.

The House resumed to receive a message.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a message with the report of the Burlington Bay Commissioners and having retired the Speaker read the same as follows :—

**P. MAITLAND.**

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly copies of reports and of the papers accompanying the same, made to him by the Commissioners of the Burlington Bay Canal.

*Government House, 6th December, 1825.*

See Appendix.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Walker, moves that an address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking his Excellency for his message of this day transmitting the report and accompanying documents delivered to His Excellency by the Commissioners for the Burlington Canal and that Messrs. Morris and D. Jones, be a committee to prepare the same.

Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the bill, entitled "An Act to confirm and quiet in the possession of their estates, and to admit to the civil rights of subjects, certain classes of persons therein mentioned."

Mr. Walker in the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Walker reported that the committee had risen, and asked leave to sit again tomorrow.

The report was ordered to be received and leave was granted accordingly.

The House adjourned.

*Wednesday, 7th December, 1825.*

Agreeably to the order of the day the petition of Matthew Crooks and others of the District of Gore, praying for authority to borrow on the credit of the said district the sum of three thousand pounds for the purpose of erecting a new Gaol and Court House therein.—And for the appointment of a commission to determine the most suitable site for the same—the petition of John Carey of the town of York, Printer, praying against the before mentioned loan—and the petition of Philo Hawley, praying to be admitted to the practice of the Law in this Province—were read.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Scollick, moves that the petition of Matthew Crooks and others be referred to the same committee to whom was referred the petition of the Magistrates, Grand Jury and Inhabitants of the Gore District, with power to send for persons and papers and with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was carried.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the petition of Philo Hawley be referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Bidwell, David Jones, Beardsley and Hamilton, with leave to send for persons and papers and to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was carried.

Mr. Scollick, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the petition of John Carey be referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of the Magistrates of the Gore District.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that the report of the Commissioners for the Burlington Canal be referred to the committee of supply.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Attorney General from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the President and Directors of the Welland Canal Company and the several petitions on the subject of the said Canal, reported that the committee had agreed to a report which he was ready to present with several documents as an appendix to it, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

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

See Appendix.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonald, moves that 200 copies of the report with the appendix of the select committee on the subject of the Welland Canal be printed.

On which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays being taken were as follows :—

YEAS—Messrs. Atkinson, Attorney General, Beasley, Burnham, Burke, Cameron, Clark, Gordon, Hornor, Ingersol, C. Jones, D. Jones, J. Jones, Matthews, McBride, McCall, McDonald, Morris, Scollick, Thompson, Walker and Wilkinson—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Bidwell, Hamilton, Lefferty, Lyons, McDonell, Perry, Playter, Randal, Rolph, Thomson, Walsh and White—14.

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