

Ordered, That Mr. *Blake* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act respecting Offences against the Person.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill respecting Procedure and Evidence in Criminal cases ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Messieurs *Irving, Mousseau, Laurier, Cameron, Appleby, Guthrie, Brooks, McIsaac* and *McCarthy*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was, on Friday last, proposed, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the correspondence with *John Baine, Angus Morrison, and Charles L. Campbell*, regarding their dismissals from office as Seizing and Landing Officers at *Great Bras d'Or*, and the reasons for said dismissals ;

And the Question being again proposed ;

Mr. *Plumb* moved, in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Caron*, That the words "together with any Reports or Letters of the Inspector of Customs, relating to the said dismissals ; or any other correspondence on this subject ;" be added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put, That those words be there added :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the correspondence with *John Baine, Angus Morrison* and *Charles L. Campbell*, regarding their dismissals from office as Seizing and Landing Officers at *Great Bras d'Or*, and the reasons for said dismissals ; together with any Reports or Letters of the Inspector of Customs relating to said dismissals, or any other correspondence on this subject.

And then The House-adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 23rd February, 1877.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Power*,—The Petition of *Francis Munro* and others, of *Portuguese Cove, County of Halifax*.

By Mr. *Kirkpatrick*,—The Petition of *John Fiske* and others, Stockholders of the *Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of Canada*.

By Mr. *Macmillan*,—The Petition of the *Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of Canada*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read and received :
Of *T. J. Lamontagne*, and others ; of *R. E. Tremaine*, and others ; and of *W. J. Foster* and others, interested in the navigation of the *St. Lawrence* ; severally praying for further improvements to facilitate the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*.