

to the Municipal Council, and District School Acts, be referred to the said Committee.

John Knowlson,
and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Knowlson*, and others, of the Townships of *Cavan* and *Manvers*, presented to the House on the fifteenth instant, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs *Williams*, *Cameron*, *Steele*, *DeWitt*, and *Roblin*, to examine the contents thereof, and report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Walter Willson,
and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Walter Willson*, and others, Inhabitants of the town of *Niagara*, presented to the House on the sixteenth instant, be referred to a Special Committee, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Dunlop*, and Mr. *Durand*, do compose the said Committee.

Montreal Fire
Assurance
Compy.

Resolved, That the Petition of the *Montreal Fire Assurance Company*, be referred to a Special Committee, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Duncomb*, Mr. *Holmes*, and Mr. *DeWitt*, do compose the said Committee.

Bill for Inspec-
tion of Pot and
Pearl Ashes.

The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Resolution of this House, of the nineteenth instant, relating to the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes, which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, to-morrow.

The Honourable *S. B. Harrison*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, three certain Returns, vizt:

Population, U. C.

Population, (1841) *Upper Canada*, pursuant to Provincial Act, (U. C.) 1 Vic. cap. 21.

[For the said Returns, see Appendix (M.) at the end of this Volume.]

Assessment
Returns, U. C.

Assessment Rolls, (1841) *Upper Canada*, pursuant to Provincial Act, (U. C.) 59 Geo. 3, cap. 7.

[For said Returns, see Appendix (N.) at the end of this Volume.]

Treasurer's
Accts. U. C.

Treasurers' Accounts, (1840 and 1841) *Upper Canada*, as far as yet received, pursuant to the Provincial Statute, (U. C.) 59 Geo. 3, cap. 7.

[For said Returns, see Appendix (O.) at the end of this Volume.]

Debentures.

The Honourable *J. H. Dunn*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, Schedule of Government Debentures, redeemed and outstanding, issued under the authority of Acts of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*.

[For the said Schedule, see Appendix (P.) at the end of this Volume.]

York contested
Election.

Mr. *Roblin*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petitions of *Connell James Baldwin*, Esquire, and others, complaining of the undue election and return of *George Duggan*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the Second Riding of the County of *York*, in the present Parliament, reported to the House, that Mr. *Crane*, a Member of the

Committee, was this day absent therefrom for the space of one hour, from the time of meeting, which the Committee reports to the House, agreeably to the provisions of the Statute.

On motion of Mr. *Black*, seconded by Mr. *Burnet*,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of amending the Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, 47 Geo. 3, cap. 9, intituled, "An Act to prevent the desertion of Seamen and others in the Sea Service; to punish persons encouraging such Seamen and others to desert, or harbouring or concealing them thereafter; and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned," lost by the adjournment of the House of Tuesday last, be revived, and that this House do now resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Henry Smith* took the Chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Henry Smith* reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the Returns of the amount of Fees received, of the expenditure, and excess of expenditure, from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to Acts of the Legislature, of last Session; and of Salaries paid to the Judges of District and Division Courts, District Clerks and Division Clerks, laid before the House, yesterday, be printed for the use of Members of this House.

Amending Act
to prevent
desertion of
Seamen.

Fees and Salaries
to Judges, &c.
Division Courts.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of a Despatch from the Right Honourable *C. Poulett Thomson*, Governor General of this Province, to Lord *John Russell*, dated Government House, *Montreal*, 26 May, 1840, transmitting an Address from the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, praying for the introduction of Canadian Corn into *Great Britain*, free from Duty, and to empower the Legislature of this Province to originate measures relating to the Colonial Trade, generally, together with copies of all Despatches, or other communications, with the Colonial Secretary, on the subject of Duties on the agricultural productions and commerce of this Province, since that period.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

A Bill to revive a certain Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, for the qualification of the Justices of the Peace, was, according to order, read a second time.

Address for
despatch on
Colonial trade,
&c. &c.

Justices qualifi-
cation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Hopkins* took the Chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Hopkins* reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered,