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Mr. Speaker thought they ought not to pause for a moment to consider what the opinions of the Council were on the amendments; he would be sorry to see such a principle adopted; however he thought the suggestions thrown out on that subject were not parliamentary.

The hon. Speaker made some allusions to the House of Lords which were not distinctly heard in the gallery. Cries of question, noise, now became loud and irresistible, when being put, the amendment was negatived. The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Wednesday, February 3.

Mr. Partelow, by leave, presented a Petition from William Taylor, James Travis, Samuel Dalton, and fifty-six others, inhabitants of Italian Town, in the County of St. John, praying that the Bill for the incorporation of the *Portland Mills and Tunnel Company* may not pass into a Law; which he read.

Mr. J. M. Wilnot thought the bill might be delayed a while, and the petitioners ought not to be undervalued. He thought himself the Tunnel would have a bad effect on the navigation of the river, and prove injurious to those who were in the Timber Trade.

Mr. Burns said there were other petitions against the Bill daily expected from St. John, and he saw no propriety in delaying the bill for one day.

Mr. End said when application was made to bring in these bills he told the House to consider them as of a local nature, and not to receive them too hastily; had that suggestion been attended to a great deal of time and trouble would have been saved. We have received this bill, discussed it, engrossed it, and here now are petitions against it. He hoped this would be a lesson which the House would not forget, and that the printed copies of Bills circulated before they are brought in, will prevent reactions of this kind, by giving the public an opportunity of expressing their sentiments.

Mr. L. A. Wilnot said the bill was read in open court in St. John; as for the Act that petition can have no weight or influence against it. The Petitioners may be respectable in their own occupation, but he was surprised if that petition was the organ of public opinion that men of wealth and standing had not signed it. He hoped the petition would not be received.

Mr. Woodward was opposed to the Petition. Mr. Johnston said that there were no satisfactory reasons stated in the petition why the bill should not pass. However he thought it might stand over for a day or two, and if there were no material reasons shown why it should not pass he thought that petition should create no opposition to it.

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On motion of Mr. L. A. Wilnot, it was resolved to present an Address to His Majesty, praying for the introduction of an established rule, authorizing the same value with Spanish and Mexican dollars.—Messrs. Wilnot and Partelow were appointed to prepare the address.

The House went into a committee of the whole to consider a bill to establish a Provincial Lunatic Asylum. Mr. Wilnot in the chair.

After some conversation on the subject, it seemed to be a prevalent opinion that £5000 would be sufficient to defray the expense to be incurred by the erection of such an establishment—and that the best place about six miles from St. John, would best answer for the site for the same.

Mr. Chandler said, he had too much experience in buildings, to be persuaded that £5000 would be sufficient; for instance the Government House; cost double the sum originally contemplated. He did not feel inclined to put his hand in the public chest without further consideration.

Mr. Johnston would wish to see a plan and a specification of the building before he would give a grant for that purpose. He had no idea that £5000 would be sufficient for the erection of an Asylum that would be at all adequate to the exigencies of the province. Ten or fifteen thousand pounds in his opinion would be little enough to put an institution of that kind into operation.

Mr. Partelow did not think it would cost £5000, but whatever might be the expense, suffering lunatics called aloud upon the House to provide for an institution of the kind. He knew several unfortunate lunatics to be confined in the prison of St. John, suffering the miseries of a common goal, because there was no other asylum to receive them. A grant of two or three thousand pounds would satisfy him, but he wanted the bill passed at all events, to remove the reproach which the non-existence of such an institution brought upon the province.

Mr. Speaker said he could not speak with any great decision as to the sum which the erection of the building would require. He did not profess to be intimate with the subject, although he had been in the committee of the whole, and he was authorized by the Members to prepare the bill, but it was only to take away the reproach from the province, something should be done,—the building ought to commence. Every consideration pointed out the necessity of such an institution, and if £5000 would not be enough it was competent for that House to make an additional grant.

Mr. Crane thought the better way to proceed would be, to come to an address to His Excellency, praying him to appoint suitable persons as Commissioners to fix on a site, and furnish information relative to the establishment. He thought £5000 would be enough to build an Asylum large enough to receive the lunatics that would be in this Province, and before the discussion took place he was of opinion that £3000 would be quite enough. A building of the same size would be further consideration of the bill was postponed; and the House adjourned.

Mr. Wyer, from the Committee on Light Houses, submitted a Report, which he read, and the same being handed in at the Clerk's Table was again read, and is as follows:—

"The Committee on Light Houses, to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, of the 25th January, with the Despatches accompanying it, regarding the contemplated erection of Light Houses upon the Islands of Scattered and Saint Paul, report:

"That it is highly desirable to give effect to the benevolent intentions of His Majesty's Government, by co-operating in the proposed measure, which would greatly benefit the trade of all the Northern Colonies, and that the expense should be borne by the same proportions as may hereafter be determined.

"The erection of a Light House in the Island of Saint Paul would more particularly benefit the Trade of Canada and New Brunswick, and the expense of such erection should be borne by the Province, for the proportion to be contributed by the Province, the Committee recommend that an Act should pass, imposing a small Tonnage Duty on all Vessels entering the Ports of this Province and the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and that the funds arising therefrom, should be placed under the management of persons appointed by the Government of Lower Canada and the Commissioners of Light Houses for the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be by them applied towards the support of such Light Houses as may be erected upon Saint Paul's Island, and any surplus to the erection of establishments upon that Island, for the support of shipwrecked Seamen, and the erection and support of other Light Houses in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.

"As the erection of a Light House on the Island of Scattered would be of little advantage to Vessels entering the Ports of this Province, compared with the advantage that would be derived from it, by Vessels entering the Ports of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton; the Committee are of opinion, that if Canada and New Brunswick support the establishment on Saint Paul's, that the expense of an establishment on Scattered should be provided for by Nova Scotia, assisted by such sum as may be considered proper, by Prince Edward's Island to contribute to the support of such Lights.—Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WYER, Chairman.

Mr. J. M. Wilnot, from the Committee of Trade, submitted a Report, which he read, and the same being handed in at the Clerk's Table, was again read, and is as follows:—

"The Committee, to whom were referred all matters which may in any way affect the Trade of this Province, beg to bring under the consideration of the House an Order of the Lords of the Treasury to the Officers of the Customs, requiring them to receive certain Gold and Silver Coins in payment of Duties imposed by Act of the Imperial Parliament.

"By this regulation, the Gold and Silver Coins of the United States, although of equal legal value with those named in the Order, are not received by the Officers of the Customs, and their exclusion has caused a great deal of inconvenience and loss to the Importer, (the Coins received being generally at a Premium in the neighbouring States, and consequently a source in this Province) without in any way benefiting the Revenue; and the Committee recommend that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to bring the subject under the consideration of His Majesty's Government, in the hope, that as the Order produces no benefit either to His Majesty's Government or to His Majesty's Colonies, it will be given to those Officers to receive the Gold and Silver Coins of the United States at the same rate as the other Coins now received in payment of Duties under any Acts of the Imperial Parliament.

JOHN M. WILNOT, Chairman.

Monday, February 8.

Mr. Partelow presented a petition from Doctor Grey and others of the City of St. John, praying for a Legislative Grant for the Infant School of said City.

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man reported, that having gone into consideration of Bill referred to them, they had made progress therein, and he was directed to ask leave to sit again. Ordered, that the Report be accepted, and leave granted.

Mr. Johnston, from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the state of all the roads of communication in the Province, and also to report what sums may be necessary to grant for repairing and improving as well the Great Roads as Bye Roads, submitted the following Report:—

The sum of £22,730 should be granted for the Road Service, to be divided as follows:

GREAT ROADS.

From Saint John to Nova-Scotia	£1750
Westmoreland Marishes	1100
St. John to St. Andrews	520
Fredericton to St. John, via Nepesic	175
Dorchester to Shediac	100
Shediac to Benoitville	100
Shediac to Richibucto	600
Richibucto to Chatham	350
Newcastle to Restigouche	1250
Fredericton to Canada Lane	1500
Ditto to Finger Board	450
Belleisle to Saint John	125
Fredericton to Newcastle	2000
Ditto to St. Andrews	800
	£10,910

BYE ROADS.

York County	£1000
Carleton County	1000
Queen's	1000
Westmorland	1000
King's	1275
Saint John	860
Sunbury	750
Northumberland	850
	7100

SPECIAL GRANTS.

Oromocto to the Nepesic	250
Gagetown	200
St. John to Sussex Vale, via Loch	200
Lomond	200
Camber's at Wawage to Bridge at	60
St. Stephen	60
	710

Total, £22,730.

HUGH JOHNSTON, Chairman.
Committee Room, February 11, 1856.

COLONIAL.

QUEBEC, Jan. 22.—The General Meeting of the members of the Quebec Constitutional Association and signers of the Petition to His Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, praying for justice, was held last evening at the Albion Hotel, to take into consideration the Report of the Executive Committee on the present state of affairs regarding the complaints contained in their petitions. It was the most numerous political Meeting ever held at Quebec, and the Resolutions, with some amendments suggested to the Executive Committee by the deputies from Montreal, passed with hardly a dissenting voice. 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THE OBSERVER.

ST. JOHN, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1836.

Saturday's Western Mail brought English news to the 24th December, a day or two later than previous intelligence.

It is now certain that the British Government has offered its mediation in the difficulties between the United States and France...

Among the Legislative Intelligence in this paper will be found the joint Address of the Legislature to His Majesty on the 10th instant...

From the New-York Observer. MEDITATION OF ENGLAND BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE U. STATES. The British Brig War Pantaloon, arrived at Norfolk on the 23d ult.

On Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, Mr. George Dunn, to Miss Frances Ann Stewart, both of Hampton, Queen's County.

On Saturday the 6th inst., at Government House, Frederickburg, by the Rev. Mr. G. W. Garrison, to Miss Eliza Jane M'Laughlin, of Halifax, N. S.

MR. GEORGE WHEELER, Barrister at Law, has resumed the practice of his profession in this City...

SITUATION WANTED—By a middle aged person, who has served several years in the city...

SEALED OFFICERS. Sealer, will be received by the Sub-Comptroller, on Monday the 24th instant...

For LIVERPOOL. To sail about the first March. The FINE NEW SHIP. LOCKWOODS, J. MACKIE, Commander.

CANDLES, NAILS, &c. Just received, per s.s. Industry, from Halifax: 100 B BOXES Mould CANDLES—4s and 6s...

NOTICE. THE Co-Partnership hitherto existing between the Subscribers, under the Firm of EWING & PATTEK...

SEEDS. T. WALKER HAS received per Catherine from Boston, and contains a general assortment of GRASSES, GRASS, and FLOWER SEEDS...

FLOUR. Dried Apples, and Corn Brooms. Received by the Subscriber, A FRESH Supply of Genesee Family FLOUR...

FOR SALE, OR TO BE LET. And possession given on the first day of May next. THAT eligible WAREHOUSE on Peter's Wharf...

FOR SALE or to Let. AND possession given immediately. That valuable property for Coopering and Lumbering, at Mosquito Cove...

NOTICE. ALL Persons having demands against the ASSYLUM CHAPEL, for materials furnished, or labour performed...

WANTED. A JOURNEYMAN COOPER, to make Lime Casks. A good workman, of steady habits, will find constant employment...

FLUR, HIDES, &c. Landing from the s.s. E. L. N. S. S. Scriber, Master, from New-York...

AUCTION SALES.

On Friday next, the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock, will be sold by the subscriber at his Auction Room...

City Lots by Auction. ON Tuesday next, the 23rd of February next, the Subscriber will sell at his Auction Room...

PIANOFORTE Music. MRS. MALCOLM, and her Sister Miss BARR, respectfully intimate their intention...

SPERM OIL. JUST received from LONDON, via Liverpool, per Ship "Elizabeth"...

Steam Mills to Let. THE Subscriber offers to Let on the first of May next, those valuable STEAM MILLS...

FOR SALE. THOSE valuable and pleasantly situated Premises, in Morris-street, St. John, covered by the Subscriber...

GROCERIES. JAMES MALCOLM RESPECTFULLY intimates that he has opened Rooms, on Monday evening, 16th November...

POPK, BEEF, &c. Per ship PRUDENS, from London: 160 B ARDLES Prime Mess PORK...

BRITISH AMERICAN SOCIETY. A Quarterly Meeting, held at Mr. BRAGG'S Rooms, on Monday evening, 16th November...

NOTICE. ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of LEWIS FRAZEE, late of Sussex Vale, King's County...

RUM, SUGAR, &c. The subscriber offers for sale, now landing ex brig La Plata, from Montego Bay...

10 H OGSHEADS SUGAR. 20 BBS PRIME; 8 TONS LIGHT VINEGAR. J. T. HANFORD.

Additional notices and advertisements at the bottom of the page, including mentions of 'The Observer' and various business listings.

