

Legislative Proceedings.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 9th February, 1852.

MORNING SITTING.

Mr. MOONEY presented a Petition from Simon Gill of Tracadie... Mr. BEATON presented a Petition from John Bourke, Ferryman, Souris, praying a grant for his services.

Mr. PALMER did not—as was well known to the House—approve of those after-clauses, except under very peculiar circumstances; but the application, it appeared was not like the general case.

Mr. COLES said, the Petitioner had constantly impudently and carelessly, and in a very gross manner, abused the confidence of the House.

Mr. WRIGHTMAN had understood a new plan was introduced after the Petitioner had progressed in the work, and that he could send that he was a new man.

Mr. BEATON said, he was informed that there were two plans; and the receipt given, the Petitioner might not have thought to be of that importance.

Mr. LAIRD remarked, that from what he had heard from honorable Members, it was never the intention of the Petitioner to put in the plates at all.

Mr. MOONEY considered the question was simply this—it was not a part of the contract, that a certain number of iron plates should be used in the construction of the Bridge.

Mr. DOUSE was of opinion, that the question ought not to be treated lightly, that all due consideration should be allowed; for as it was quite a new plan in this Colony, great desire was felt to inspect it.

Mr. PALMER had been reading the receipt till this day, that certainly, was strong prima facie evidence. Still the Petitioner might not have been aware of its nature.

Mr. COLES said, it was more a matter of law than otherwise. Let the Petitioner try the question in the Supreme Court. He had not yet come to that; but if such questions were to be tried here, it would be requisite to appoint his Honor, the Recorder, Judge.

the Petition was ordered to be laid on the table, and the contract proceeded. Hon. Mr. COLES, as Chairman of the Joint Committee, presented the draft of an Address to the Queen, on the subject of reciprocity of Trade with the United States.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

Bill to regulate the Printing of Government Advertisements. On motion by the Hon. Mr. Warburton, the Bill was committed for the purpose of having a certain alteration made therein, to obviate the repeal of a certain clause of the Statute Labour Act.

Mr. SPEAKER declared himself opposed to the investing of the Government with any such discretionary power. When, with a view to the support of the Islander, a newspaper in the colony, to obviate the repeal of a certain clause of the Statute Labour Act, which directs that certain Notices shall be inserted in the Public Papers.

Mr. LAIRD thought the Government notices and advertisements should all be confined to one paper. He did not think that the public were benefited by having the road notices inserted in all two papers; for, in fact, the newspapers were not read by one-half of the people.

Mr. DOUSE was of opinion, that it would be for the public benefit, that the Government advertisements, particularly proclamations of lands and notices should be inserted in more than one paper; but the choice of papers, for their insertion, should not be dictated by party or political feelings.

Hon. Mr. COLES thought the House might very safely confer a discretionary power, with respect to such notices, to the Government; for knowing their accountability to the House, it was not likely that they would abuse it.

Mr. SPEAKER could not see but that one paper might publish all the Government advertisements. With respect to the road notices, it might be better to have them published in one paper, than to have them scattered in two.

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as, for instance, the officers of the Courts had power to a certain extent, over the fees, and have, besides, power to make certain assessments, for the purpose of providing suitable Court Houses and other accommodations, the property being vested in the officers of the Courts. The credit of this Colony was high; and our means were not so limited, but that they might very well put their hands into the public purse, and take from thence a sum sufficient for such a purpose; and the execution of it would be well attended, give much satisfaction throughout the country.

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Mr. MOONEY thought there would not be found any disposition on the part of the Government to expend such a sum as £2500 for such a purpose. He, certainly, would not consent to any such proposal; but would not be disposed to refuse £200 or £300 for the purpose. He, however, inclined to believe, that the demand on the part of Mr. Hazzard, was intended to be a general way of backing out of the contract; and that he was no longer disposed to have any thing to do with it.

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