

a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

Read a second time, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for ascertaining damages on Protested Bills of Exchange."

12th Feb. 1827.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to erect the North eastern parts of the Townships of Dorchester and Sackville, in the County of Westmoreland into a distinct Town or Parish.

Mr. R. Simonds took the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Simonds from the Committee, Reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and agreed to the same with an amendment.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and the bill as amended engrossed.

Mr. Crane by leave presented a Petition from Malcolm M. Eachran, of Dorchester in the County of Westmoreland, praying to be compensated for work done on the Sheldiac road, in 1821, and 1822, by direction of the late Benjamin Wilson, Esq. the then Supervisor for the said road.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. R. Simonds by leave presented a Petition from John Fraser, Esq. and others, praying for aid to assist in rebuilding the Presbyterian Church at Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, the former one being destroyed by the fire of 7th October, 1825. Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. McKay Ordered, that a Committee, to consist of a Member from each County, be appointed to take into consideration what sums may be necessary for the improvement of all the communications throughout the Province, and for opening Roads to new Settlements.

And further Ordered, Mr. McKay, Mr. Allen, Mr. C. Simonds, Mr. Wilmore, Mr. Smith, Mr. R. Simonds, Mr. Scovil, and Mr. Miles, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. R. Simonds by leave, presented a Petition from Charles Mills, of Miramichi, praying for remission of duties on articles destroyed by the fire of 7th October 1825, and for extension of credit on a Bond given for duties, yet remaining due.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to a Committee of Supply.

13th Feb. 1827.

Mr. R. Simonds by leave presented a Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Richibucto in the County of Northumberland, praying for an Act to pass, regulating the Bass Fishery in the River Richibucto, and its Branches.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and lie on the table.

Mr. Crane moved for leave to bring in a bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Parish Schools in this Province." Leave granted.

Mr. Campbell moved for leave to bring in a bill to continue "An Act for granting further aid in support of the Grammar School in the Town of St. Andrews."

Leave Granted. And the said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

Mr. Parker by leave, presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of Saint John, praying that a sum of money may be specifically appropriated out of the Grant for the Great Road, leading from the said City to Westmoreland, by the Marsh, for widening the said Road. Which he read in his place.

And upon the question, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee on Public Roads—The House divided, and it was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the order of the day for going into Committee of the whole House on a Bill, to render and make valid, certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized before Magistrates and other Lay persons, be discharged.

And further Ordered, that the House do go into Committee on the said bill tomorrow.

Mr. Allen by leave presented a Petition from the Settlers of the lower Caverhill Settlement, in the Parish of Queensbury in the County of York, praying that a sum of money may be granted towards finishing a Road to that Settlement.

Which he read in his place.

And upon the question being put, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee on Roads—The House divided, and it was carried in the negative.

14th Feb. 1827.

According to the order of the day, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill, to render and make valid, certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized before Magistrates and other Lay persons.

Mr. J. Wilmot took the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Wilmot from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them and made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again. Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. C. Simonds moved for leave to bring in a bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of the Province." Leave granted. And the said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

Mr. Crane pursuant to leave brought in a bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Parish Schools in this Province."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Slason moved for leave to bring in a bill to continue an Act intituled "An Act for regulating the inspection of Fish, to be consumed within the Province."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. M. Wilmot, the House went into Committee of the whole on the re-commitment of a bill to erect the North eastern parts of the Townships of Dorchester and Sackville, in the County of Westmoreland, into a distinct Town or Parish.

Mr. R. Simonds took the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Simonds from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and made further amendments thereto, and had agreed to the same under the title of "A bill to erect the North eastern part of the County of Westmoreland, into a distinct Town or Parish, and also to authorize the appointment of Parish Officers at the November General Sessions in each year."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed under the title as amended.

Mr. Scott moved for leave to bring in a bill to encourage the destruction of Bears in this Province.

Leave granted.

Ordered that the bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for ascertaining damages on Protested Bills of Exchange," be referred to a Committee of the whole House tomorrow.

Read a second time, a bill to continue "An Act for granting further aid in support of the Grammar School in the Town of Saint Andrews."

Ordered, that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House tomorrow.

Mr. Wetmore moved for leave to bring in a bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for calling in the Arms issued to the Militia of this Province."

Leave granted. And the said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Scott—Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to revise and amend the Militia Law.

Ordered, that Mr. Johnston, Mr. McKay, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Scott, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. R. Simonds moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the Bass Fishery in the River Richibucto, and its Branches.

Leave granted.

Mr. McKay moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of Grand Manan, West Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, and Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, and to provide for the inspection of Smoked Herrings in the said Parishes.

Leave granted.

It will be observed that on this last mentioned day "The House went into committee to make valid Marriages solemnized before Magistrates and other Lay persons."

We could not approve a Law that sanctioned in a Magistrate or Layman the performance of so solemn a rite as Matrimony. It should be the Clergyman's exclusive privilege, because it is of divine origin, and founded upon those writings which he is presumed to be best acquainted with.

Extreme cases will, and do, we grant, sometimes occur to make an exception to the rule, perhaps, indispensable: but it ought to be in those extreme cases only that the power should be vested in the magistrate. As the subject now stands, it is fraught with danger and uncertainty, and no better proof is wanted to support this argument, than the present proposed Bill. We wish the House had thought proper to enquire how many Marriages have been performed by Laymen, in this Province, without a Licence? yet these are some of the Marriages it has been called upon to pass a law to render "valid!"

As to the motions about the Roads, improving them and so forth, we think they are matters in which the House cannot use too much caution and deliberation. We ourselves have received very serious charges against many of the persons who have been allowed money for improvements of this nature, but whose private interests were paramount to their public duty. We presume not to dictate any measures to compel a performance of a trust of so much consequence; but some better regulations than those which at present exist are highly necessary.

## ASSIZE OF BREAD.

At a Special Session of the Peace, of our Lord the King, holden at the County Court House in Fredericton, in and for the County of York, on the 6th day of February, 1827.

IT IS ORDERED, that from and after the 7th instant, the ASSIZE of BREAD in the Town of Fredericton, be as follows:—

The Sixpenny Wheaten Loaf to weigh 2lb. 3oz.

And other Loaves in proportion.

And further Ordered, that each Baker do plainly mark the Initials of his Name on every Loaf of Bread, to be baked by him, together with the figures 3, 6, or 12, (as the case may be,) to denote the price in pence, under a penalty of Ten Shillings for each and every offence.

H. G. CLOPPER,  
Clerk of the Peace.

## GAOL LIMITS.

In the York General Sessions,  
January Term. 7th Geo. 4.

ORDERED, that the LIMITS FOR THE GAOL OF THE COUNTY OF YORK, heretofore established, be altered and amended, and that in future, the following be the Limits for the said Gaol, that is to say:

COMMENCING at the Water's edge of the River St. John, where a continuation of the Southernly line of St. John street would intersect the same, thence along the said line to Province Row, thence along the East side of Province Row to the side walk on the North side of Church street, thence along the said side walk to Brunswick street, thence along the Westernly side of Brunswick street to St. John street aforesaid, thence along the Southernly side of St. John street to George street, thence along the Westernly side of George street to Regent street, thence along the Northernly side of Regent street to Brunswick street aforesaid, thence along the Westernly side of Brunswick street to Carleton street, thence along the Northernly side of Carleton street and a continuation thereof to the Water's edge, and thence following the course of the River at the Water's edge to the place of beginning.

Extract from the Minutes.

H. G. CLOPPER,

Clerk of Sessions.

## MR. KEYSER'S

Terms of French and Italian Tuition.

THIRTY-SIX Lessons, three each week, to one, two, or three Scholars. £2 : 10 : 0.

Entrance, 10s.

To a class not less than six Scholars, three lessons each week, two hours tuition, 1 : 15 : 0.

Entrance, 10s.

Those who would be desirous to profit of Mr. K's instruction, will please to make application to him at the Barrister's Inn. The Entrance is paid in advance. Fredericton, February 20. 1827. [2w.]

## NOTICE.

THE C. Partnership heretofore existing under the Firm of SIMPSON & FISHER, having been dissolved by the death of the latter; all persons having claims against said firm, are requested to present the same for settlement; and those who stand indebted will please pay their respective balances without delay to

JOHN SIMPSON,  
Surviving Partner.

## REDUCED PRICES.

### The Subscriber

BEING desirous of bringing his concerns speedily to a close, offers either

### Wholesale or Retail,

The remaining valuable stock of Merchandise of the above concern, which will be found well worthy the attention of the Public. Considerable abatement will be made to those taking a quantity. The terms must however be Cash or approved short credit by Note.

John Simpson.

Fredericton, February 20, 1827.

## NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the Subscriber, previous to the first day of July last, are hereby notified, that unless their accounts are immediately paid, they will indiscriminately be put in the hands of an Attorney to collect.

WILLIAM ROBERTS.

Fredericton, 16th Jan. 1827.