Mr. Moore presented a petition from the Rev. Geo. Long praying for the return of the sum of £3 10s. paid as duty on certain articles imported for the use of St. Stephen's Church Bimini.

On motion of Mr. Albury the petition of certain inhabitants of the Bluff praying for a grant for a landing place as referred to the following select committee: Messrs. Albury, W. C. B. Johnson and Pinder.

On motion of Mr. Albury the petition of certain inhabitants of Current Island praying for a grant for making an opening to form a harbour was referred to the same select committee.

It was moved by Mr. L. W. Young that there be an instruction to the committee to whom was referred his Excellency the Administrator's Message No. 2 relative to the Police Band to consider the advisability of making an annual grant of £25 to the Eastern Volunteer Cornet Band to assist that band in purchasing music books and instruments, upon which it was moved as an amendment by Mr. Weech that the committee be not asked to consider the same.

Upon the question being put the amendment was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Malcolm, from the committee appointed to consider the desirability of improving the forts of the Colony and to whom was also referred his Excellency the Governor's Message No. 1 handed in a report recommending in accordance with the instruction of the House that the amount be increased from £250 to £350.

It was moved by Dr. Johnson that paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Report of the select committee to whom was referred the Vote of Indemnity for £103 os. 5d. to the Commissioners of the Bahamas General Hospital to enable them to adjust the accounts for the year 1912 be expunged from the Minutes of the House, upon which it was moved as an amendment by Mr. Malcolm that the paragraphs proposed to be expunged stand part of the minutes of the House.

Yays—Messrs. A. K. Solomon, Moseley, E. V. Solomon, Adderley, Dr. Culmer, Malcolm, and Weech

Nays—Messrs. Bricke, Pinder, T. Culmer, Albury, Moore, L. W. Young, Bowen, Anderson, Evans, Williams, Bethel, Dr. Johnson, J. W. Pinder

The amendment was lost and it was therefore resolved that paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the said Report be expunged from the minutes of the House.

It was moved by Dr. Culmer that the Bill to make provision for securing the public health be read a second time, upon which it was moved as an amendment by Dr. Johnson that the Bill be referred back to the same committee.

It was moved by Dr. Culmer that the Leper Bill be read a second time but upon motion of Dr. Johnson that was also referred back to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Sands the Vote of Indemnity for £120 for the Nassau Prison was read a second time and the same agreed to.

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