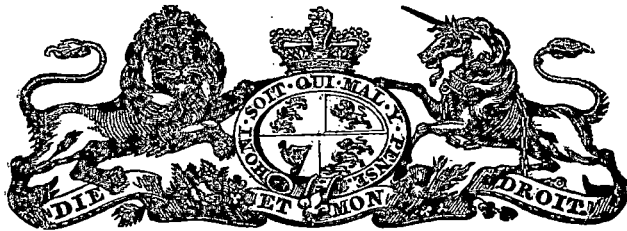


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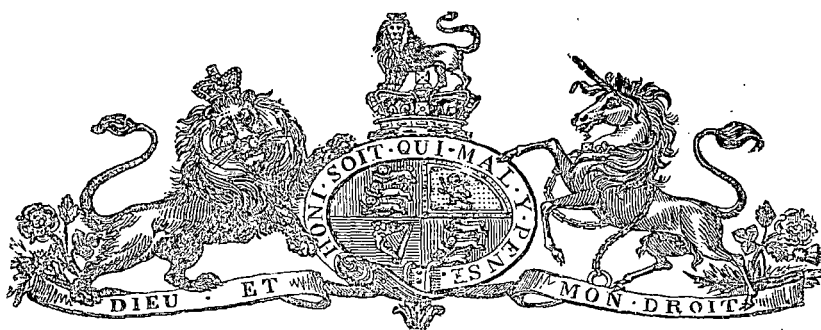
STANDING ORDERS ON PRIVATE BILLS :

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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*REPORT of the Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly to lay down a clear definition between Public and Private Bills.*

YOUR Committee have the honour to report that they have given their attention to the matter submitted to them, and in order to give effect to the Resolution of your Honourable House submit the following amendments of the Standing Orders for favourable consideration :—

NEW STANDING ORDERS.

NEW STANDING ORDER 217A.—BILLS.

Bills shall be classified and defined as follows :—

- Class 1. Public Bills.
- Class 2. Semi-Public Bills.
- Class 3. Private Bills.

*Definition of Bills.*

Class 1.—*Public Bills* are Bills whose provisions are of general application to the whole community.

Class 2.—*Semi-Public Bills* are Bills not included in Class 1 or Class 3.

Class 3.—*Private Bills* are Bills conferring exclusive and special rights, powers, or privileges of any kind whatsoever on or giving any relief to any individual or individuals, Company or Companies, Corporate Body or Corporate Bodies, excepting Municipal Councils, Town Boards, Water Trusts, Road Trusts, or any other Local Body duly constituted by law.

PART XXIX A.—SEMI-PUBLIC BILLS.

423A. Semi-Public Bills shall be introduced by Petition in the same manner and subject to the same Rules as Private Bills, except in the following respects :—

- a. All Petitions for Semi-Public Bills to be initiated in this House may be presented at any time during the Session, having been previously lodged with the Clerk of the House for Seven days.
- b. The petitioners or promoters shall not be required to pay the second sum of £50 before the Bills shall be read a First time as mentioned in Standing Order 415, nor shall they be required to pay the fee of £10 10s. on the Report of the Select Committee, nor the fee of £2 2s. for each day on which the Select Committee shall sit ; but they shall be required to give the guarantee mentioned in Standing Order 421 for the fees and expenses incurred over and above the £50 deposited.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN,  
*Chairman.*

*Committee Room, July 24, 1894.*