

## APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

The system of nomination to office, pursued by His Excellency the present Governor in Chief, was next brought under the consideration of the Convention, together with the recent appointment of SAMUEL GALE, Esquire, to the Bench of this District, on which subject the Committee passed unanimously the following Resolutions, each of which were duly proposed and seconded.

1. *Resolved*, That for a series of years, the people of this country have, both by Petitions to the Imperial Parliament, and through their Representatives complained of the partiality observed by the Executive of this Province in the distribution of several places of honor and profit in the gift of the Crown, from which His Majesty's subjects of French origin have been systematically and unjustly excluded, and which have, in most instances, been bestowed on other classes, and especially on those who by property or otherwise are least connected with the interests of the country, and who have on all occasions been most violently opposed to the rights and liberties of the people.

2. *Resolved*, That after having thus frequently complained, it pleased His Majesty at length to take the subject into consideration, as appears from a despatch from Lord Viscount Goderich, the then Colonial Secretary, dated 7th July, 1831, in which the people of this Province received the assurance of His Majesty's Government, that "if it could be shewn that the patronage of the Crown had been experienced upon narrow, and exclusive principles, they ought not to be too soon disavowed, and abandoned; especially if it were true that the fixed population of the colony had not enjoyed a full participation in all public employments, and the country should be assured that His Majesty cannot desire that such odious distinctions should be systematically maintained."

3. *Resolved*, That notwithstanding the above assurances, the people of this country are at present under the necessity of again complaining that the same systematic, partial, and unjust exclusion from office, has continued to be followed up by His Excellency MATTHEW LORD AYLMER, the present Governor in Chief, who, since his appointment to office, has called to several permanent situations of profit in the civil departments, twenty-three or more persons, besides a great many in the Customs, of all of whom only eight are Canadians of French origin. (*Vide Table on eighth page.*)

4. *Resolved*, That notwithstanding the assurances of His Majesty's Government above alluded to, His Excellency Lord AYLMER has moreover selected for the Judicial Departments in both the higher and lower Courts of this Province, violent partizans as instanced in this late nomination of the major part of the Commissioners for the Summary Trial of Small Causes in the Country parts; on which occasion, contrary to the spirit of the Law, and to the former practice of himself and his predecessor, he has excluded from such office several persons recommended to him by the proprietors who had called for the establishment of such Commissioners' Courts, (which persons had already filled such offices with advantage to the public and honour to themselves) and appointed others who had no other recommendation than their known subservency to His Excellency's political bias, and hostility to the opinions of the mass of the people.

5. *Resolved*, That the recent appointment of SAMUEL GALE, Esquire, to a seat on the Bench in this District, is another particularly obnoxious instance of the violation of His Majesty's Gracious assurance contained in the aforesaid Despatch, and of the whole spirit of both the Canada Reports, and of the pledges of the Colonial Office, and unaccountably well calculated to continue those animosities and misconceptions lately recommended to be removed, inasmuch as the said SAMUEL GALE was throughout a notorious political sup-