

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. D. Macdonald took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. D. Macdonald reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution; which Resolution, being again read at the Clerk's Table,

was, on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:

RESOLVED, That the House be recommended to desire a Conference with the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the said amendments.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, April 1, 1843.

A PETITION of divers Inhabitants of the Second Electoral District of Prince County was presented to the House by Mr. Rae, and the same was received and read; setting forth—That Petitioners have to complain of the high rate of rent demanded by the Land claimants, which being never less than one shilling sterling per acre, and frequently much higher, is more than the circumstances and resources of the Tenantry can bear; and that it is necessary, in order to enable them to exist, that the rents be reduced below their present rate, and paid in the currency of the Island, and not in sterling as heretofore.—That Petitioners believe, if the Landlords were to receive their rents in Agricultural produce, at reasonable prices, deliverable on their respective estates, it would do much towards relieving the Tenantry, and to allay the discontent which exists among them.—That Petitioners would beg to represent the corrupt state of the Magistracy, especially the Commissioners of Small Debts, in many instances, in various parts of the country.—That they lament to have observed, that it has appeared to be the policy of the Government for some time past, to appoint to this office, at least in many instances, persons inimical to the interests of the people, and concerned in upholding the proprietary and aristocratic interests and ascendancy; and that they also regret to have to state, that in many notorious instances the official authority of these functionaries is most shamefully perverted to base and sordid purposes, and rendered the means of their own aggrandizement, by encouraging litigation and oppressing the poor—and respectfully begging leave to urge the consideration of these matters upon the House, and praying that mea-

sures may be adopted for the redress of the grievances complained of.

A motion being made, that the Orders of the Day be called over;

The House divided on the question:

YEAS:

Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Douse,
Mr. Montgomery,	Hon. J. S. Macdonald,
Mr. A. Maclean,	Mr. Dalziel.

NAYS:

Hon. Mr. Palmer,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Longworth,	Mr. D. Maclean,
Mr. Coles,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Cambridge,	Mr. Wightman,
Mr. Yeo,	Mr. Hudson,
Mr. D. Macdonald,	Mr. Macaulay,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Dingwell.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Rae moved, that the preceding Petition be referred to the Committee on the State of the Colony.

The Hon. Mr. Palmer moved, in amendment, that after the word "Petition," in the said motion, all be struck out, and the following substituted—"be thrown under the Table."

The House divided on the motion of amendment:

YEAS:

Hon. Mr. Palmer,	Mr. Hudson,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Longworth,
Mr. Coles,	Hon. J. S. Macdonald,
Mr. Macaulay,	Mr. A. Maclean,
Mr. Cambridge,	Mr. Wightman,
Mr. Yeo,	Mr. Douse.
Mr. Dalziel,	