

The Order of the Day being read, for the third reading of the Bill to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as witnesses on their own behalf;

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Tupper*, That all "the words after "now" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with instructions that they have power "to insert the words 'summary or other' after the words 'on the' in the first line; "the word 'complaint' after the words 'upon any' in the first line, and the words "for the prosecution or' after 'witness' in the third line of the first section," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly again resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ross (Middlesex)* reported, That the Committee had made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be now taken into consideration.

The amendments made to the Bill were then twice read and agreed to.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with instructions that they have "power to amend the said Bill by striking out the second clause," inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; The House divided: and it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Taschereau* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with instructions that they have power "to amend it, by adding on the 13th line, after the word 'witness,' the following words: "for the prosecution or," inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly again resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ross (Middlesex)* reported, That the Committee had made a further amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be now taken into consideration.

The amendment made to the Bill was then twice read and agreed to.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

And the Question being put, That the Bill do pass and the Title be "An Act to "provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as witnesses;" The House divided: and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Senate by their Clerk, as followeth:—