

**26th May, 1855.**

**HIS EXCELLENCY CHARLES HENRY DARLING, ESQUIRE, Governor.**

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The Honorable Mr. O'BRIEN informed the House, that he was commanded by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, to acquaint the Council in reply to their Address requesting that a "copy of the Despatch from the late Secretary of State for the Colonies, Sir George Gréy, to His Excellency's predecessor in the Government, transmitting the complaint of Mr. Little against Ker Bailie Hamilton, Esquire," may be laid before them; that having referred to the Despatch to which he understands the Council to allude, the Administrator finds that that Document relates to allegations against the conduct of his predecessor in the Government in reference to which the Secretary of State informed Mr. Hamilton, that having expressed his opinion on the specific questions which had been brought before him, he thought it unnecessary to advert to those allegations, or to require from Mr. Hamilton any answer to them; observing at the same time, "on the contrary, I trust that the correspondence on the differences between the Executive Government and the Assembly may be considered as closed, and that hereafter, under the system of Government in force in the other North American Colonies, and now about to be introduced into Newfoundland, there will be a general desire, in which I am confident the Local Government will cordially join, to concur in the promotion of measures calculated to advance the interests and prosperity of the whole community."

The Administrator regrets, that under these circumstances he feels himself precluded from complying with the request of the Council, that a copy of the Despatch referred to should be laid before them.

At half past two of the clock, P. M., His Excellency the Administrator of the Government having come to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Serjeant at Arms was ordered to direct the attendance of the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly in this House, and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to assent to the Bill entitled "An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

Communication from the Administrator of the Govt. through the Hon. Mr. O'Brien declining to comply with the request of the Council for a copy of the Despatch from the Secty. of State transmitting the complaint of Mr. Little against the late Governor.

Administrator of the Government arrives at the Council Chamber.

Assembly summoned to attend him.

His Excellency assents to the Revenue Bill.