

king a general assessment upon Land for the discipline and subsistence of the Militia of this Island," on the question being put, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Creed, Stowe, Holland, Brecken, Rankin, M^r Aulay, and Bagnall.*

Against it, *Messrs. Montgomery, B. Coffin, Stewart, Jun. Macgowan, Murray, E. Coffin, and Stewart Sen.*

The Votes of the House being equal, the Speaker gave the casting Vote, and the same was carried in the negative.

Ordered, On Motion, That the following Message be sent to his Majesty's Council :

That the House of Assembly would not have deemed it necessary to have appointed the Committee mentioned and objected to in the Message from his Majesty's Council of Wednesday last, but in consequence of their Message intimating their intention of inclosing the joint Address of both Houses to His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, to the Colony Agent by a Letter from the president of His Majesty's Council; and the House conceiving the Letter ought to be a joint one with the signature of their Speaker, added to that of the president of his Majesty's Council, appointed the Committee with a view of effecting that object.

A Message from his Majesty's Council, viz.

Mr. Speaker, His Majesty's Council have appointed the *Honorable Colonel Gray, Alexr. Howe, and Harry Compton*, a Committee to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly, on the subject of the amendments proposed by his Majesty's Council to the High Road Laws, to meet at the Council Chamber instantler, and then he withdrew.

On Motion, *Ordered,* That *Messrs. Stewart, Jun. Holland, Montgomery, Macgowan, B. Coffin, and Brecken*, be the Committee of this House to manage the said conference, and they went to the conference, and being returned, *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* related the substance of the conference to the House.

On Motion, *Ordered,* That the amendments proposed by His Majesty's Council to the said Bill, be agreed to.

On Motion The Bill Intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 30th year of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to oblige the respective proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land, or parts of Lots or Townships of Land, and who have contributed nothing towards the Settlement or improvement of this Island, and whose Lands lie in a waste and uncultivated State, to pay their proportion of the Public Charges for the making and repairing the High Ways and Bridges of this Island," received a third reading, and on the question being put whether the said Bill do pass, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Holland, B. Coffin, Montgomery, Macgowan, Murray, Bagnall, Rankin, E. Coffin, Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. Creed, and Stowe.*

Against it, *Doctor M^r Aulay.*