

Wednesday, 8th June, 1808.

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PRAYERS.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to provide for the greater security of the Province by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made further progress in the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same; which report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at nine of the clock.

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Thursday, 9th June, 1808.

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PRAYERS.

On motion the House resolved into a Committee of the whole, on the consideration of the Bill to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The said amendments were read throughout a first time, and thereupon,

Mr. Crane moved, that the clause following, vizt. "*Be it further enacted, That in case the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, shall see fit to revoke the commissions of all or any Militia Officers, and to issue new commissions, no person whose first commission in the Militia shall bear date subsequent to the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and whose commission shall be revoked, shall be entitled to claim any rank or privilege by reason of his having held such commission, or to any exemption from enrolling himself and performing the duties and services by this Act required of a militia man; and no officer who shall hereafter be cashiered by sentence of a court martial, or who shall be removed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, on report of the Field Officers of the Battalion to which he shall belong, and of the Inspecting Field Officer of the district, for not qualifying himself for the duties of his station in the Militia, or who shall resign his commission, shall be entitled to any rank or privilege in the Militia, or to any exemption from enrolment, and from the performance of all the duties required of a Militia man,*" be not received by the House,

*which*