

On Motion, *Resolved*, That several instances of irregular practices of Justices of the Peace have appeared in evidence before this House, and from the advanced period of the Session, it is impossible to give the subject generally due consi-

deration. It is therefore deemed highly requisite that it be taken notice of, and be fully discussed early in the next Session.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 1825.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment. — PRAYERS.

The Attorney General, agreeably to the order of the House, presented the draft of an Address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, which was read and is as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

WE the Members of the House of Assembly in Legislature convened, beg leave to call the attention of your Excellency to abuses in the practice of the Court of Chancery, since Mr. Lane has filled the offices of Master, Registrar, and Examiner, of that Court; and to inform your Excellency that the fees of the office of Registrar have, during that Officer's time, been unlawful and excessive, greatly exceeding those taken by the gentleman who preceded him in the office.

"We have also had evidence examined before a Committee of this House, appointed to inquire into the state of the Colony, from the Report of which it appears that irregular and illegal proceedings were promoted by the said Mr. Lane in order to create excessive fees; and it has also been proved to our satisfaction that Mr. Lane is a subaltern of the Army and Town Major of Charlotte-Town; and has not been educated to the profession of the Law, and that he is not qualified to fill, or any of the offices before noticed.

"That these offices have from the earliest period of the Colony been held by men of the Law, and never before were combined in one person and the departure from this ancient course by the appointment of Mr. Lane, has been felt as a severe grievance by the Colony.

We therefore do most humbly entreat your Excellency in such time and manner as may seem proper to remove Mr. Lane from these offices, and to appoint qualified men to fill them, and we beg leave to recommend to your Excellency that the office of Registrar and Master may never again be filled by the same person.

On Motion, That the said Address be agreed to. The House divided.

For the Motion, 10 A

The Attorney Genl. Mr. Mabey, 10 A

Mr. Cameron, 10 A Mr. M. Gregory, 10 A

Mr. Owen, 10 A Mr. Jardine, 10 A

Mr. Stewart, 10 A Mr. Coffin, 10 A

Mr. Hyde, 10 A Mr. McNeill, 10 A

Mr. Bearistoe, 10 A Mr. Montgomery, 10 A

Mr. Dockendorff, 10 A Mr. Hodgson, 10 A

Mr. Campbell, 10 A

Against it, 12 A

Dr. Manlay, 12 A

The Motion was accordingly carried.

The Attorney General in pursuance of

a like order of the House, presented the

draft of another Address to his Excel-

lency the Lieut. Governor, which was

read, and is as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

WE the Members of the House of

Assembly, in Legislature con-

vened beg leave to inform your Excel-

lency, that a Committee of the whole

House has been engaged for many days,

in investigating certain proceedings,

which took place in the Court of Chan-

cery in the year 1823, in the case of

Bowley vs. Cambridge, by William

Douglas, the Receiver in that cause,

against certain Tenants on the Estate of

Greenwich, and it appears from the re-

sult of this investigation, that measures

contrary to Law and of unparalleled se-

verity were resorted to, in order to recover

rents of Rent, then due by five of the

Tenants, Mr. Douglass the Receiver,

ought to have proceeded by distress, for

recovery of these Rents in the usual way,

which would not have cost more than

£10 of the whole, or thereabout. But

instead of this usual course, Mr. Palmer,

the Solicitor of the Receiver, proceeded

on an affidavit of the Rent being in ar-

rear, and moved on such affidavit in the

Court of Chancery, that attachments

should issue against five of the Tenants,

which writ did issue accordingly, and

four of them were put into the custody

of the Sergeant at Arms, and two of them

ultimately were imprisoned, and costs

to serve out to the Tenants.