

Friday, 3d February, 1837.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable Brenton Halliburton, Chief Justice—President.		
The Honorable T. N. Jeffery,	§ § § §	The Honorable Samuel Cunard,
H. N. Binney,		Henry H. Cogswell,
S. B. Robie,		James Tobin,
Charles R. Prescott,		Joseph Allison.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.—

Will Bill read 2d time

On motion, a Bill in further amendment of an Act made and passed in the thirty-second year of His Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates, was read a second time.

Committed

Report progress

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill. After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Jeffery reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again—which was granted.

Committee of Public Accounts of H. A.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolution :

Ordered, That Mr. G. Smith, Mr. J. Young, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Uniacke, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, with a Committee of His Majesty's Council ; which was read.

Conference on General State of the Province asked

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly requested a Conference with this House by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

Committee of Public Accounts of Council Conference agreed to

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Cunard, Mr. M'Nab and Mr. Allison, be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to examine the Public Accounts ; and that the Deputy Clerk do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Committee

On motion, *resolved*, that the Conference requested by the House of Assembly be agreed to, and that the Deputy Clerk do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Prescott, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Tobin and Mr. Allison, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.

Report of Committee

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Mr. Prescott reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Assembly had delivered to him the following written Paper ; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Deputy Clerk, who read the same, as follows :

In the House of Assembly, 2d February, 1837.

On motion, the following Resolutions were passed *unanimously*.

Resolved, That the practice hitherto pursued by His Majesty's Legislative Council, in this Province, of excluding the people from their deliberations, is not only at variance with that of the House of Lords, in England, and that of several of the Legislative Councils, in the other British North American Colonies, but contrary to the spirit of the British Constitution, and injurious to the interests and liberties of this Country.

Resolved, That while this House have no desire to deny to the Upper Branch of the Legislature the right enjoyed by the Representatives of the People, and sanctioned by public opinion, of closing their doors during the discussion of questions of Order and Privilege, and on particular occasions, when the public interests may require secret deliberation: Yet, they should fail in their duty if they did not express to His Majesty's Council, the deliberate conviction of those they represent—that the system of invariable exclusion pursued for a series of years, is fraught with much evil, and has a tendency to foster suspicion and distrust.

Resolved,