

*Resolved*,—That in the absence of any well-defined system of Poor Relief, this House considers it necessary to record its opinion, that in all practicable cases the able-bodied Poor should be relieved, by employing them on the roads in due season; and further, that any regulations made on the subject of Poor Relief should not ignore the just influence of the Representatives of the people, who are the constitutional and responsible guardians of the public welfare.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Four of the Clock.

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*Wednesday, 23rd January, 1861.*

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY gave notice, that in Committee of the Whole upon Mr. Nowlan's Resolutions on the system of Poor Relief, he will move in amendment,

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*Resolved*,—That the mode hitherto practised for the relief of the sick and destitute poor required revision, and we consider the slightly stringent regulations lately adopted by the Executive, a step in the right direction.

*Resolved*,—That indiscriminate relief of the able-bodied Poor destroys their self-reliance, and has a tendency to demoralize them, and that it is a vicious principle on the part of the Legislature to acknowledge its permanent existence; but that in exceptional cases where, from casualties growing out of the failure of the fisheries or crops, distress prevails, it is the duty of the Legislature to provide means of relief by employment on the roads, or other useful occupation.

*Resolved*,—That between the duties of the Executive and the Representatives of the people, under a Responsible form of Government, there is a well-defined constitutional distinction. The Representatives are the guardians of the public purse. It is their province, in the first instance, to appropriate all public monies, and it is the business of the Executive, who hold their position by the votes of a majority of the Representatives, to see that money appropriations are faithfully applied to the purposes intended.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Four of the Clock.