Manitoba Act, and in respect of which it has been previously established to the satisfaction of the Minister charged with the administration of Dominion Lands, that there has been undisturbed occupancy of the same. The question whether any person has a claim against the Crown, is and should be determined by the Minister prior to any reference to the Commissioners.

2nd. Because the machinery provided by the Dominion Lands Act enables the Minister in charge to make the necessary investigation in the cases provided for by the amendment more expeditiously, efficiently and cheaply than can be done under this amendment, should it become Law.

3rd. Because the amendment would prevent the Minister from deciding adversely to the claimant without first making a reference to the Commissioners, although the evidence accompanying the application may conclusively show that the person asking for a patent has no valid claim.

4th. Because the amendment would injuriously impede the administration of Dominion Lands in *Manitoba*, and delay the allotment of some of the Half-breed reservations.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Senate acquainting their Honors, That this House hath disagreed to the said amendment, and communicating to their Honors the Reasons for so disagreeing.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

## (In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of Maintenance and Repairs of Dominion Steamers Napoleon 111., Newfield, Druid, Glendon, Sir James Douglas and Northern Light, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the examination of Masters and Mates, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of purchase of Life Boats, Life Preservers and Rewards for Saving Life, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for investigation into Wrecks and Casualties and collection of information relating to disasters to shipping, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses in connection with Canadian Registration of Shipping, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand and ninety dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of *Montreal* Water Police, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of River Police, Quebec, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of Removal of Obstructions in Navigable Rivers, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and fifty-eight dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray salaries and allowance of Lighthouse-keepers in connection with Lighthouse and Coast Service, for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

10. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and sixty thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of