

were unwilling, even for that important object, to increase the public Debt—yet, as the House did not intimate any intention to increase the public Debt, and did not state an opinion that any necessity would arise for doing so, in consequence of any appropriations during the present Session—the Dissentients cannot agree to any Bill founded upon the assumption of such necessity.

Because the Dissentients conceive that many appropriations have been made in this Session which His Majesty's Council would not have concurred in, had the majority been apprized that a further Loan would have been resorted to as the means of payment.

Because an Act, which passed in 1834, authorizing a Loan for £6000 for two years, was immediately acted upon to the full extent. And altho' this Bill proposes to continue the Debt ten years longer; yet, as there appears to be no prospect of paying it off at an earlier period, these Dissentients proposed, and were anxious, to amend this Bill, to authorize a Loan to that extent, at a reduced interest, to pay off that Debt.

Because, under the authority of a Law now in force, the Provincial Debt may be considerably increased, by the operation of the Savings' Bank; and altho' upwards of £11,000 has been received into the Treasury from the Savings' Bank, no part of it has been applied to the payment of the Funded Debt, to which it has been expressly appropriated by Law,—And this Bill goes to authorize the increase of the Funded Debt, without any promise being made for its repayment.

4th April, 1836.

(SIGNED)

Thos. N. Jeffery, Enos Collins, Henry H. Cogswell, Joseph Allison.

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His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, sent a Message by the Deputy-Secretary of the Province to command the House of Assembly to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber immediately, the House of Assembly attended accordingly with their Speaker, when His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bills, entitled as follows:—

A Bill, entitled, An Act to give effect and validity to a certain devise or settlement of Real Estate, made and contained in the last Will and Testament of John Mackay, late of Windsor, in Hants County, Esquire, deceased.

A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the more easy Redemption and Foreclosure of Mortgages.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act concerning Malicious Injuries to Property.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to amend the Acts respecting Firewards and Fires in Halifax, and to substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of Sessions of the County of Cumberland, to present and assess Money for the erection of a Lock-up House in Pugwash, in the said County.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act to regulate the holding of Polls at Elections in the Island of Cape-Breton.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts concerning the Bridewell and Police in Halifax.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Sable Island and Seal Islands in this Province.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint a Commissioner or Commissioners to act in concert with Commissioners of Lower Canada and New Brunswick, in relation to the proposed Light-Houses on the Islands of St. Paul and Scattarie.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape-Breton.

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate and ascertain the Rates at which Monies shall be paid out of the Treasury.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for borrowing Money for the use of the Province.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-six, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After which His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following SPEECH:—

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

Speech

I thank you in His Majesty's name for the Supplies you have granted for the public service during the present year. It shall be my study, as well as my duty, to see that they are faithfully applied.

I am concerned to observe that the usual grant to the Inspecting Field Officers of Militia has been omitted, but I confidently trust that next Session you will continue that grant, as the means of maintaining that Constitutional Arm of Defence and Security to the Province in a state of efficiency.

I regret that the Union of King's and Dalhousie Colleges, as submitted to you at the commencement of the Session, and as recommended by His Majesty's Government, has been postponed. I trust that in the next Session you will all co-operate in accomplishing this measure, as it is evident that there are not means within the Province for maintaining two Colleges, without depriving some of the useful public Seminaries and Parochial Schools of part of the grants now so liberally made to