

“ quence of the alarming state of the health of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, (which will not admit of any delay in bringing the present Session to a close) alone prevents a particular examination by the Council of the several Appropriations made by the House of Assembly, for the support of transient Poor and distressed Emigrants in the several Parishes and Places in this regard specified in the resolutions which are now concurred in by the Council, in this behalf; and that their concurrence in the same shall not be drawn into a precedent for their concurrence in any future resolutions of a similar nature---The Council being of opinion, that such appropriations out of the Public Treasury of the Province, ought to be discontinued.”

“ And I am directed further to inform the House, that the Council have agreed to the bill “ to explain and amend the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province.”

And then Mr. *Shore* withdrew.

Mr. *Simonds* moved the following resolution :

“ Whereas the report of the majority of the Select Committee of Privileges, as received by this House on the 14th inst. being highly objectionable, for the following reasons---that is to say :

1st---Because, professing to give a faithful account of the proceedings of former Houses of Assembly in this Province, it does not detail the whole of the proceedings of the year 1799,---having omitted to state, that in that year four *Bills* of Revenue and Appropriation were sent to the Council for concurrence.

2d.---Because the report conveys an unjust reflection on the Executive, by stating that the Governor had made the Act of 2 G. 4. c. 5. a matter of complaint, when he had recommended the passing of the same, and that the said Act had not been disallowed at the time of such complaint being made, but had received the Royal Sanction, the Committee were not in possession of any facts to warrant any such reflection ; on the contrary, it does appear evident that the Royal Sanction to the Act above recited, was not received in this Country until after the close of the last Session.

3d.---The report states that in 1801, the House of Assembly, in consequence of a conference with the Council, the result of which is not on the Journals, conceded to the Council a most important right, by adopting the mode of sending each item of appropriation to that Branch of the Legislature for concurrence, previous to their being put into a *Bill*, and that they find many instances of the arbitrary abuse of the unconstitutional power thus yielded to them by the House.

4th.---And because the report concludes by recommending to the House, a perseverance in the practice which has prevailed for some time past, which is acknowledged to be a surrender of the rights of the House, and contrary to the principles of the British Constitution, and the invariable practice of the Imperial Parliament---

“ Therefore resolved, that the report of the majority of the Select Committee of Privileges, be not retained on the Journals of this House.”

And on motion of Mr. *Allen*, for the previous question, viz :-- “ That that question be not now put.”

The House divided---YEAS 10---NAYS 7.

It therefore passed in the affirmative.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill “ in amendment of an Act to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries. by granting bounties on the same.”

Resolved that the bill do pass.---And ordered that Mr. *Ritchie* and Mr. *J. Wilmot*,