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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

UPPER CANADA.

DECEMBER 5th, 1825.

THE House having resolved itself into a Committee upon the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, for conferring Civil Rights on certain Inhabitants of this Province, (Mr. Walker in the Chair.) The ATTORNEY GENERAL spoke, in substance, as follows :—

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL rose and said, the matter now before the Committee is one which excites evidently much interest in the several members of the House; and occasion has been taken more than once, in the discussion of other measures, to allude to this as one which has created a very lively sensation in the country. Upon what ground this is imagined I am not myself aware, but I am happy that we are at length about to discuss the bill before the committee fully, and I hope dispassionately, for it is by such a discussion, more than by any other means, that any false impressions which may have gone abroad upon the subject, will be the most surely and completely counteracted. It is, Sir, a most happy consequence of the excellent constitution we enjoy, that if, at any time, the public mind is agitated by apprehensions well or ill founded, an opportunity is afforded here for discussing the grounds of such apprehensions openly and fully ;