

ses? No: they thought they had discovered grounds more tenable, of which they would avail themselves. Let us examine:—

The provision for the expenses of the Speaker and Members had come before the Council in three ways:—First, by *Bill* for that purpose only; secondly, by a naked *paper Resolution* preparatory to being engrossed in a *Bill*; and thirdly as a separate *section* of a *new Bill*, which *had not yet been before them*.—Had they recited their decision on the first measure, it would certainly have approached nearer to a justification for this act than the recital of their rejection of the *Resolution*, because the first measure was by *Bill*, as the last:—but the truth is, an *ex-post-facto* disapprobation of the principles of *THE RESOLUTION* was at this time becoming general, and they would not have again based any, the lightest, proceeding on so frail and unstable a foundation; and therefore, as they do not refer to their first negative act, let us see how far they are right in the principles of their *last Resolution*.

The mode of sending up appropriations by resolution, we have before seen, was adopted by *permission* of the House as *accommodative* to the Council. If an appropriation were sent down *concurrent* in by the Council, could the House *then* lay their hands on and reject it? Doubtless they *could*; and therefore it is not like a *Bill* which has passed both branches, but has qualities and rules of proceeding peculiar to itself. While it is unparliamentary during the same session to bring forward again *in the same shape* a subject which has been once negatived; so we say it is unprecedented to bring forward again a subject which has been once passed through both branches: once finally passed, it is beyond their reach or revocation until another session. Now the appropriations first pass both Houses in *Resolutions*, are then metamorphosed into *sections* and *again pass both Houses in Bills*. It is well known that any bill, while before the house, may be modified, altered and amended, and therefore the Appropriation Bills are within this