

prohibit him from giving the Royal assent to a similar Act.

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Dissentient.—1. Because this Bill contains a clause which is unusual, unconstitutional, and destructive of the rights of this House.

2. Because the decision of the House as shewn by the division on the question, was against the passing of the Bill; the non-contentents being eight in number and the contents seven, exclusive of the Speaker, and the questions having been carried in the affirmative only by the Speaker in the chair giving a vote as a member and then as his casting vote, a practice which is at variance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament, and in our opinion is not authorised by the Act 31 Geo. III. cap. 31, which gives the Speaker of the Legislative Council and Assembly, only a casting vote.

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