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SIR JAMES HENRY CRAIG.

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' am well aware, must be highly inconvenient to many
' of you : this consideration dwelt so strongly upon my
' mind, that not seeing any particular object of public
' service that indispensably required your immediate
' attention, I had it in contemplation to defer your
' meeting 'till a period of less prejudicial consequence
' to your private accommodation, but, on referring to
' the Act of the British Parliament on which the Con-
' stitution of this Province is founded, I felt reason of
' hesitation, at least as to the grounds on which I sup-
' posed myself able to do so ; I have therefore been in-
' duced to rely on your cheerful acquiescence in the
' inconvenience under which your may labor, rather
' than give rise to a possible doubt as to my intention
' of infringing on a right so valuable to you as that of
' your annual Assembly. And this I have done under
' the circumstance of being precluded from giving quite
' that notice which has been in some degree sanctioned
' by custom, and which, although not called for by any
' express law, is, nevertheless a precaution for the pre-
' servation of that mutual confidence which is so desir-
' able, by guarding against the possibility of any sus-
' picion, as to the intention or circumstances under
' which you may be assembled.'

The House, after an address in answer to His Excel-
lency's Speech, into which it was endeavored to intro-
duce an indirect reproof for the hints which had fallen
from him, resumed with warmth, the question concern-
ing the Judge and the Jew.* The more determined
Members were for expelling them by resolution, but a
motion for the expulsion of the Judge in this mode,
was negatived by a considerable majority, part of

* These Gentlemen had been re-elected at the late

