

2. Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the financial year ending the 30th June, 1878, the sum of \$16,286,576.52 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Resolutions ordered to be reported.

House resumed.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and agreed to.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT then introduced a Bill (No. 124) For granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending, respectively, the 30th June, 1877, and 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.

Bill read the first, second and third times and passed.

INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

EXPLANATION.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said the hon. the Minister of the Interior had called his attention to a report of his remarks in the *Mail* on the Independence of Parliament Act. He was reported in that paper to have said :

"The hon. gentleman (Mr. Mills) came up to him and said: 'I understand that some of your friends intend to move against members on this side, and I give you notice that you and Mr. Rochester will be sued.'"

That was inaccurate. The remark was "I give you notice that Mr. Rochester will be moved against." There was no threat at all. It was simply a notification that, if proceedings were taken on that side of the House against hon. members on the other, hon. members on that side would be moved against.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD AND CROWN SUITS.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said that the following notice of motion by the member for North York had been on the paper for some days:—

"That an Order of the House do issue for a statement of the suits and legal matters in which the legal firm of the Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald, M. P., or any partner of his said firm was instructed by his Department to act on behalf of the Crown, during the tenure of his office as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, with the dates of such instructions and of the last action in each case."

He would ask the hon. gentleman to move it, as he would like to obtain the statement for his own information. He also desired to secure the dates.

Mr. DYMOND said he had been anxious to make the motion. He now moved it without remark.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: I would like the hon. gentleman to include in the motion, the dates of the commencement and end of the proceedings.

Motion, as amended, agreed to as follows:—

"That an Order of the House do issue for a statement of the suits and legal matters in which the legal firm of the Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald, M. P., or any partner of his said firm was instructed by his Department to act on behalf of the Crown, during his tenure of office as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, with the dates of such instructions and of the last action in each case; with statements of the dates of the beginning and conclusion of such suits and legal matters."

House adjourned at

Fifty minutes past

One o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Saturday, 28th April, 1877.

The Speaker took the Chair at five minutes before Three o'clock.

THE WASHINGTON TREATY AND FISHERIES COMMISSION.

EXPLANATION.

Mr. MACKENZIE said he wished to call attention to a conversation which had taken place the night previous in the House, when he had stated—and his hon. friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries was of the same impression—that an arrangement was made by the late Administration to pay one-half of the salary of a special agent in connection with the Fisheries Commission, and of the expense with reference to the Halifax Commission. He was