

generally as in regard to any collusion or connivance between the parties, be for the present dispensed with, but that it be an instruction to any committee whom the Bill be referred on the subject to make such examination.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—This motion is open to the same objection as the one in the last case: the words “for the purpose of obtaining a separation” should be inserted after “parties.”

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—And also it should be stated that the petitioner is at the Bar of this House. Perhaps my hon. friend can say whether the petitioner is at the Bar of this House ready to be examined.

HON. MR. OGILVIE—As you see by the Bill, the petitioner is a lady. She is not here, but she will appear at any time that the House may name to be examined.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I do not think we should proceed further unless the hon. gentleman moves that her presence at the Bar be dispensed with, and the House is pleased to assent to her being excused, because the rule is distinct, “the petitioner is to appear below the Bar of the Senate at the second reading to be examined by the Senate,” and my hon. friend should have given notice that he would ask the House to dispense with the rule on this occasion. I can see no harm in my hon. friend moving that the rule be dispensed with, and then he may make out such a case as he can, to get the House to agree that the presence of this petitioner at the Bar be not required. I must say, however, that I think it would be establishing a bad precedent. I have never known this rule to be dispensed with in any case before; perhaps my hon. friend should postpone the second reading of the Bill until Monday or Tuesday, when the petitioner could be at the Bar ready to be examined.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—The motion before the House might be allowed to stand.

HON. MR. OGILVIE moved that the motion be allowed to stand over until

Tuesday, and that the Bill be then read the second time.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—The motion before the House is the reference, and that motion should be amended so as to include the words “between the parties to obtain such separation,” in the same manner as the motion in the preceding case.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Perhaps the best way would be for my hon. friend instead of moving this to say that on Tuesday he will move that the examination of the petitioner be dispensed with.

HON. MR. OGILVIE—Very well, I will move on Tuesday next that the examination of the witness be dispensed with.

HON. MR. POWER—My hon. friend will have to give notice that the second reading is postponed. It seems to me that one motion would do the whole. If my hon. friend will move that the further proceedings in connection with this petition and the second reading of the Bill be adjourned until Tuesday, the whole ground will be covered.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—We have got so far in this direction that I think it will answer all the purposes—my hon. friend should move that the order of the day be discharged and that the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday.

The motion was agreed to and the second reading of the Bill was accordingly postponed until Tuesday next.

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of Bill (F) “An Act further to amend an Act intituled ‘An Act respecting offences against the person.’” He said: this is a Bill introduced for the purpose of giving effect to an understanding which was arrived at in this House last session that I would during the present session introduce a Bill on this subject; my hon. friend from Halifax having charge of a Bill on the subject at