

great diffidence in recommending any course of proceeding. Had it been a matter of local concern or of ordinary public interest, it might have been considered most judicious to drop the subject for the present, in the hope that next session matters would come round; but the interest of too many respectable persons are in hazard; and, therefore, it becomes an imperative duty on the part of the Legislative council, to use all the lawful means in their power to relieve from the disabilities under which they labour the different descriptions of persons mentioned in the two messages.

What course is most likely to produce this much to be desired result, your committee are not able with confidence, to determine. They, nevertheless, beg leave to submit to the consideration of your honourable House the following resolutions, as leading to a reasonable course of proceeding.

RESOLVED, That the Legislative council, by their bill passed on the 28th day of November last, and sent down for the concurrence of the House of Assembly, evinced their intention to confer, without reserve, the rights, privileges, and immunities of British subjects upon all persons, now resident in this province, who have been formerly citizens of the United States, and have never been naturalized by any act of the