

And the first two clauses thereof being so read, were respectively, upon motion, agreed to by the house. Two first clauses agreed to.

Upon the reading of the third clause, and the usual motion being made thereon that the same do pass, the hon. Mr. Johnston moved, as an amendment, that the whole of such clause be left out of the address, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof, viz: Third clause read.

“Should the negotiations which are pending result in the opening of more extended markets for the productions of British America we shall rejoice sincerely, though we should deprecate any concession to the citizens of the United States of rights of fishing on our coasts, to which, under solemn treaties and parliamentary enactments, her majesty’s subjects are exclusively entitled. Amendment moved.

A large proportion of our population live by the fisheries, and the products of their industry form an essential element in our commercial prosperity. The welfare of a class of men whose labors are so valuable and whose occupation exposes them to peculiar hazards and to great personal hardships and perils, is entitled to the most watchful consideration; and at a time when, as we are informed, the imperial government is engaged in negotiations by which their interests may be materially effected, we cannot too soon make your excellency acquainted with our deep sense of the value of the privileges to which our fishermen are now entitled, nor too earnestly express our hope that nothing may be concluded on a question so vitally important and so essentially colonial as the maintenance of these privileges in unabridged vigor, without the previous concurrence of her majesty’s loyal North American subjects expressed through their legislatures.”

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, eighteen; against it, twenty-six.

So it passed in the negative. Negative.

The main question being then propounded from the chair, on the original motion made, that the said third clause do pass, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-six; against it, eighteen. Clause agreed to.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The remaining clauses of the address were then read, and upon the question being respectively put thereon, agreed to by the house. Remaining clauses agreed to.

The question being then put, that the address as originally moved do pass, it was carried in the affirmative; and thereupon, Address passed.

*Resolved*, That the address do pass.

*Ordered*, That the address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the address be presented to his excellency the lieutenant-governor by the whole house. To be presented by house.

The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill concerning the elective franchise—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Elective franchise bill.

The hon. Mr. Johnston also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for the municipal government of counties—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Municipal incorporation bill.

The hon. Mr. Johnston also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for extending the elective principle to the legislative council—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Elective legislative council bill.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, informed the house that his excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow, at half-past twelve of the clock, at government house, to receive the house with their address in answer to the speech at the opening of the session. Appointment of govr. to receive address.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.