

15th April, 1835.

HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, C. B., Governor.

Deputies, without any compensation for such Service; neither do they approve of the Colonial Revenues being placed in the hands of the Customs without requiring from them any security for the safe custody and due appropriation thereof.

When Goods are subject to an Imperial as well as a Colonial duty, it must be obvious that it would be more convenient that one valuation only should be made with regard to the same article for both duties, as it tends to facilitate the collection of such duties, and to promote an uniform system in keeping the public Accounts. The Council have, therefore, prepared a Proviso, to be added to the 8th Section to accomplish that object.

The Legislative Council do not concur in that part of the 9th Section which authorizes the Officers of the Customs to take Goods for the use of the Crown, on paying the entered value, with ten per centum thereon, unless a power of restoration be granted to the Governor and Council in all cases where in their opinion an improper resort shall have been had to such a peremptory authority, or where it shall be made to appear that no fraudulent entry was attempted by the importer of such Goods.

The Council cannot concur in the Proviso at the end of the 10th Section, because it is calculated to increase the number of Bonds to be taken by the Collectors of the Duties, without any beneficial result to the Importer; for the Imperial Act allows 20 days to the Importer to make his final entry, during which time he can always raise a sufficient sum out of the Sale of such Import as will pay the Colonial Duties. The Council are of opinion that the appointment of a Board of Audit, for Auditing the Public Accounts, will be of advantage, and trust the Assembly will concur with them in the propriety of providing for that object in this Bill.

There are some other amendments of minor importance which have been recommended in a Committee of the whole Council, which they are also desirous of seeing adopted; and they trust that the amendments proposed will appear to the Assembly to be so reasonable in themselves, and so necessary for the protection of the public interests, that the Assembly will readily concur in their expediency, and more especially as the Council, feeling an equal responsibility with the other Branches of the Legislature when giving their assent to every Bill which comes before them, do nevertheless disclaim any desire to interfere with the acknowledged Privileges of the House of Assembly.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Report received.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the said Report presently.

The House then went into Committee of the whole.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Dunscomb in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Instructions without amendment.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Commons House of Assembly, and request a conference on the Bill for granting supplies to His Majesty.

Master in Chancery to request conference with Assembly.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to provide for the greater security of Houses of Public Worship from Fire.

Bill to provide for the greater security of Houses of Public Worship from Fire. Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Bland in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Reported.

The Honorable Mr. Haly enters.

Member enters.

Ordered, that the report be received, and—

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time To-morrow.

Report received.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to prevent the unnecessarily discharging of Guns and other Fire Arms in Saint John's, was re-committed.

Bill to prevent the unnecessarily discharging Fire Arms—re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Haly in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time To-morrow.