

THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1842.

Third.—Should the amount of British Silver be limited in its amount as a legal tender, and at what sum?

Fourth.—Will you favor the House with your opinion as to making British Sterling the money of account in this Province?

Fifth.—Would any practical difficulty arise from making British Money exclusively the money of circulation, leaving Foreign Coins to be bought and sold as Bullion? If so, will you state wherein that difficulty consists?

Sixth.—What was the rate of Exchange on London during the past year, particularly in the months of June, July, August and September; and can you account for the rate being so high in these months?

Seventh.—There was a very oppressive demand for Specie in this City during the past year.—Do you know what caused the scarcity of Specie?

Eighth.—What is the current price of the Sovereign, the Doubloon, and the Mexican Dollar, at the present time in this City?

Ninth.—If the Sovereign, the Doubloon, and the Mexican Dollar are fixed at their true relative values, with reference to the quantity of pure gold and silver in each, will our Commercial operations have any effect upon such values, and thereby have a tendency to throw either, and which of them, out of circulation?

Tenth.—If, at present, a Debtor owed you a sum of money—*exempli gratia* £10,000—and you were entitled to demand payment in either of these coins, which would you require? And will you state, in figures, the gain or loss, if any, which would result from receiving payment of that sum in Doubloons at £4 Currency; Sovereigns at 25s. Currency to the £1 Sterling; British Silver at the same rate; and Dollars at 5s. 2½d. Currency?

Eleventh.—What is your opinion of the value of the Dollar at 5s. 2½d.; the Sovereign at 25s.; and the Doubloon at 80s. Currency; or at 4s. 2d., 20s., and 64s. Sterling?

Twelfth.—Would these different Coins be convertible, the one into the other, without any alteration in the amount?

Thirteenth.—If the value named were affixed to each Coin, which, do you suppose, would most freely circulate?

Fourteenth.—Are you acquainted with the intrinsic value of the United States Dollar and Half Dollar, compared with the Central and South American?

Fifteenth.—Do you know whether the Central and South American Dollar are more in demand in the United States than the American? And if so, what is the reason?

Sixteenth.—What is your judgment of the intrinsic value of British Silver compared with the value of the Coins named in the Bill?

Seventeenth.—Do you know what description of Coin is most abundant in the West India Islands—and why?

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received and printed.

The President read a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Wilkins, apologizing for his absence, and stating he would be in his place on Tuesday next.

Mr. Wilkins' excuse

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the three Criminal Law Bills were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills—whereupon,

Com. on Crim. Laws report

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Forgery; also,

Forgery

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law against offences relating to the Coin; also,

Offences against Coin and Embezzlement Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act for more effectually preventing embezzlements by persons employed in the Public Service of Her Majesty,

Were read a second time.

Read 2d time and Ord. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future time.

John Whidden, Esq. the Deputy Secretary of the Province, informed the House that he was commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before the House the following written Messages, signed by His Excellency.

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