

Her Majesty's Council have also amended that clause of the Bill by which the said Commissioners are authorized to draw on the Colonial Treasury without the intervention of the Executive, because they conceive it to be a course unprecedented in Colonial Legislation, and because his Excellency the Governor is restrained from giving his assent to a Bill containing such a provision, by the 24th article of the Royal Instructions, which is as follows :—

“ You are not to suffer any public money whatsoever, whether it be appropriated to any particular service or not, by the act granting the same, to be issued or disposed of otherwise than by warrant under your hand, by and with the consent of the said Council.”

Her Majesty's Council further avail themselves of this occasion to express their regret, that at this inclement season of the year, so much time should have been allowed to elapse without any provision having been made for the destitute and houseless poor.

Her Majesty's Council, however, heartily concur in the grant now made, and were prepared to concur in one of even larger amount.

JAMES SIMMS,

Senior Member presiding.

Council Chamber, }
21st January, 1840. }

Message from H. M.
Council.

A MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY'S COUNCIL.

The Master-in-Chancery brought down from her Majesty's Council the following written Message ;—

Mr. Speaker,

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled, “ an Act to make provision for the sick and destitute poor of the Island of Newfoundland,” with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

JAMES SIMMS,

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And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Conference requested

Resolved,—That a conference be requested of her Majesty's Council on the subject matter of the last conference, and that a committee be appointed to prepare instructions to the conferrees.

Committee.

Ordered,—That Mr. Nugent, Mr. Morris, Mr. Winsor, and the Solicitor General, do form the said committee.