

WHEREAS there was this day read at the board a report from a committee of the Lords of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, dated the 24th of this instant, in the words following: viz.

“ Your Royal Highness having been pleased, by your order in council of the 10th of December last, in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, to refer unto this committee a letter from Earl Bathurst, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, to the Lord President of the Council, transmitting copy of a letter from Sir George Prevost, dated Quebec, the 18th of March, 1814, forwarding an address of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada to your Royal Highness, with certain articles of complaint, therein referred to, against Jonathan Sewell, Esq. his Majesty's Chief Justice of the Province of Lower Canada, and James Monk, Esq. Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal; and also transmitting a memorial from the Executive Council Judges in the court of Appeal, and of the puisnè Judges of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Quebec, and of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal, in the said province of Lower Canada, praying to be included in the examination and decision of the said articles of complaint, together with a petition from the said Jonathan Sewell, Esq.; in which letter the said Earl Bathurst requests that so much of the said complaints of the House of Assembly, as relate to the rules of practice stated to have been introduced by the said chief justices into their respective courts, may be submitted to your Royal Highness, in Council, in order that, if such rules shall be found to have been introduced, it may be decided whether in so doing the said chief justices have exceeded their authority: the Lords of the Committee, in obedience to your Royal Highness's said order of reference, have taken the said letter and its inclosures into consideration, and having received the opinion of his Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor-General, and been attended by them thereupon, and having maturely deliberated upon the complaints of the said House of Assembly, so far as they relate to the said rules of practice, their Lordships do agree humbly to report as their opinion to your Royal Highness, That the rules, which are made the subject of such complaint of the said House of Assembly of Lower Canada, against the said chief