

Advertisement from the Observer.

Notice is hereby given, that Mr. John Goessman, of Markham, Dep. Surveyor, will be a Candidate at the next election for the Counties of York and Simcoe—He will not keep an house of Free Entertainment for voters, nor will he buy or sell any votes, but implicitly rely on the interest, and good will of his friends.—York, March 22, 1824.

No. 48. ASSESSMENT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

This just and necessary measure went, among other things, to provide that the owners of wild lands, might be permitted to pay their taxes into the hands of the treasurers of the districts in which they respectively reside, wherever the lands might be situated; and that, for a stated compensation, each treasurer would, at certain periods, transmit the monies so received, to the treasurers of the districts wherein the lands were situated. This was opposed by Messrs. Attorney General, Beasley, BURNHAM, Coleman, Ewing, Gordon, HAMILTON, Hornor, Ingersol, J. Jones, McDONALD, of the Ottawa, Morris, Rolph, Scollick, Wilkinson, James Wilson, and White;—17. There was a tie, and Mr. Speaker Willson tomahawked this useful bill, by his casting vote against it. [26th February 1825.]—James Wilson amended his vote last session.

I may here remark, that the wild land assessment bill, like many others of the Attorney General's insidious and artful measures for undermining the liberties of this country, is so contrived as to place the revenues derived under it, not in the hands of the people's representatives (where it ought to be) but entirely in the power, and under the sole control of the district magistrates, who are persons appointed by, and removable at the nod of the lieutenant governor for the time being: a crafty measure, calculated to strengthen executive influence; and no evidence, either of the wisdom or integrity of the Assembly in which it was passed.

Next Session the assessment collection question was again agitated; the votes (January 4th, 1826) were 17 to 17; and the Speaker voted with government as before. C. and D. Jones, Matthews, and McCall, also voted with the Attorney General this last time;—Coleman, McDonald, and Ewing, were absent; and Mr. Rolph went over in favor of the measure. I have placed the three treasurers' names in capitals, to shew how unfit men are to vote where their own interests are affected. These men, perhaps thought the trouble of opening 11 new accounts would exceed the profit, and so they voted on the easy side, and against the people.

No. 49. EMOLUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

8th March, 1825.

Mr. HAMILTON'S motion requesting government to furnish a statement of the emoluments of the different government officers, for the last four years, was OPPOSED by Messrs. Attorney General, Beasley, Burnham, Cumming, Gordon, Ingersol, C. & D. Jones, McDonald, McDonell, McLean, Morris, Thompson, of York, Vankoughnet, and Wilkinson; but it carried, nevertheless, and the returns (very incorrect) may be seen in the appendix to journals of 1st session present parliament.

No. 50. OBSTINACY OF THE LORDS.

The Upper House, having taken umbrage at a rule of the commons, refused to communicate with them by message (see Journals session 1, parliament 9, page 59.) whereupon a motion was made by Mr. Olin, of the government party, not to consider the resolutions that had been sent down, in committee, but in the House. The vote stood 17 to 17, and the Speaker turned the scale, by voting with the Attorney General.

No. 51. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION OF SPEAKER WILLSON.

[From Collins's Reports, 1825.]

"As a great deal was said about the respectability of the Hon. the Speaker of this House, he would deliver his sentiments about him. It was very well known that he (A. G.) opposed his election to fill that chair; he opposed it altho' HE HAD A FAVOURABLE OPINION OF HIM (Speaker Willson,) and believed that his conduct in this House was never regulated by any FACTIOUS FEELING or improper motive; but altho' HE HAD THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THE FEELINGS of the hon. Speaker's HEART, yet he had not the same confidence in his acquirements."—Attorney General.

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